for the BEST AGENCY CONTRACT
Get in touch with
Mohan Sons & Co.,
125, MAHATMA GANDHI ROAD, FORT, BOMBAY 1.
Tel 22127
Chief Agents to:—
THE BOMBAY MUTUAL LIFE
ASSURANCE SOCIETY LTD., ESTD. 1871.

Regd. No. B. 1065

# The Bombay Chronicle

Founder: Pherozeshah Mehta — Editor: Syed Abdullah Brelvi

VOL. XXXII NO. 49 — BOMBAY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1944 — Price: 2 Annas

DENA BANK
DEVKARAN NANJEE BANKING CO., LTD.
6-year and 3-year
CASH CERTIFICATES
Yielding 3½% & 2¾% respectively
in Denominations of Rs. 10 to 5,000
Invest Rs. 8-4-0 and Receive Rs. 10/-

# Bombay Memorial For Kasturba?

## Requisition To Convene Sheriff's Meeting: Ahmedabad Move For Memorial Fund

A move is afoot to convene a meeting of the citizens of Bombay to condole the death of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi and to consider the question of erecting a suitable memorial in her honour in Bombay.

A requisition signed by a number of prominent citizens is being sent to the Sheriff in this connection. Among those who have already signed the requisition are Mr. M. R. Masani, Mayor of Bombay, Sir Purushottamdas Thakurdas, Sir Homi Mody and Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, other signatures are being collected.

### IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE ADJOURNS

The meeting of the Improvements Committee of the Bombay Municipal Corporation was adjourned after passing a resolution placing on record its sense of profound sorrow at the passing of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi after a "long life of silent and selfless service". In moving the resolution Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas, Chairman of the Committee, said that the sorrow of Mahatma Gandhi was the sorrow of the whole nation. Kasturba was the companion of Mahatma Gandhi in every one of his activities. It was a disgrace that the wife of the man of the greatest moral stature in the contemporary world should have died in captivity.

Dr. T. V. Vorah, Dr. B. H. Rajadhyaksn and others associated themselves with the sentiments expressed.

### City Condolence Meetings

The following passed condolence resolutions on death of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi: The Marwari Sammelan; Sorthia Brahma Kshtriya Punch; Kapad Market Servants' Welfare Association; Humanitarian League; Swadeshi Market Board; B. P. Women's Council; Passengers and Traffic Relief Association; Hansraj Morarji Public School; Scindias' Staff; Gujarati Mandal (Madras); Colonial Indian Students Association; Hindustan Scouts; Modern Youth Circle; Sindhi Association and Sindhi Sevak Sangha; Jayabharat Insurance.

### Keralites Condole Kasturba's Death

At a public meeting held at the premises of the Bombay Keraleeya Samaj on Friday evening a resolution was passed all standing, expressing the deep sorrow of the Keralites resident in the city at the sad demise of Srimati Kasturba Gandhi while in detention and conveying their respectful condolences to Mahatma whose grief they all shared.

Mr. M. K. Raj, Editor of "Mathrubhumi" of Calicut presided.

### Ahmedabad To Raise Memorial Fund

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 25.—An appeal to the workers to raise a Memorial Fund to perpetuate the memory of late Mrs. Gandhi was made at a meeting of the joint representative board of the Textile Labour Association held this evening.

A resolution stated that the Memorial Fund would be used under the direction of Mahatma Gandhi.

### "Sanchayan" Ceremony Performed

POONA, Feb. 25.

It is understood that the "Sanchayan" ceremony of Mrs. Kasturba's ashes was performed in the Aga Khan Palace this morning. Gandhiji, his sons, Messrs. Hiralal, Ramdas and Devadas and other inmates of the Palace were present on the occasion. After recital of Ashram prayers by the inmates of the Palace necessary religious rites were carried out. Some local friend has sent flowers for the last 'puja'.

"Rakshas" (ashes) were taken to Aiandi, a holy place six miles from here and scattered in the river Indrayani. It may be recalled that Mr. Mahadev Desai's ashes were also immersed there in a similar manner on the day Gandhiji broke his three weeks' fast. 'Asthis' (bones) of Mrs. Kasturba are being taken by Mr. Devadas Gandhi for immersion in the holy water.—United Press.

### Tributes From Surat

SURAT, Feb. 25.

Glowing tributes to the memory of late Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi were paid at a number of meetings held here by various organisations.

The Rashtra Bhasha Pracharak Mandal has sent a message expressing deep sympathy and sorrow to Mahatma Gandhi in his bereavement.

A meeting was held at Harijan Vas where speakers gave a vivid account of the life of Mrs. Kasturba. Prayers were also offered at the meeting. The Hindu Mahasabha members of the Surat Municipality gathered at a meeting when speeches were made touching the life of Kasturba. The Cutlery Association also held a meeting to condole the death of Mrs. Kasturba.

### Condolence From Delhi

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25.—A resolution expressing profound grief at the death of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi and sympathising with Mahatma Gandhi was unanimously adopted all standing, at a public meeting held here yesterday, under the presidency of Lala Narain Dutt. Two minutes' silence was also observed in respect to the memory of the departed soul.—United Press.

### Bengal Council's Tributes

CALCUTTA, Feb. 25.—"Sorrows shared is sorrows soothed. Mahatma Gandhi will find millions of his countrymen to share in his bereavement", thus said Sir Bejoy Prasad Singh Roy, President of the Bengal Council, addressing the members of the Council which adjourned yesterday for half an hour.—United Press.

### WOMEN'S CONFERENCE CONDOLENCES

CALCUTTA, Feb. 25: The Calcutta Branch of the All-India Women's Conference has sent a telegram to Mahatma Gandhi conveying its sincere condolence on the death of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi.—A. P.

### CALCUTTA IN MOURNING

CALCUTTA, Feb. 25: A resolution deeply mourning the irreparable loss the nation had suffered by the death of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi and conveying heartfelt condolences to Mahatma Gandhi and other members of the bereaved family, was adopted at a public meeting held in the University Institute hall this evening.

Mr. Kiran Sankar Roy, Leader of the Congress Party in the Bengal Legislative Assembly, presided and the speakers included Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, Dr. Syamaprasad Mookerjee, Mr. Santosh Kumar Basu, and Mrs. Nellie Sen Gupta.—A. P.

### HARTAL AT DEHRI

DEHRI, (Shahabad) Feb. 25.

A mammoth public meeting was held at Dehri-on-Sone yesterday to mourn Srimati Kasturbai's death under the presidentship of Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Ansari, Momin leader when a resolution expressing profound grief at her sad demise was adopted all standing.

The meeting also demanded the release of Congress leaders forthwith and the immediate formation of National Government. Complete hartal was observed.

### HARTALS IN MADRAS

MADRAS, Feb. 25: Reports of condolence meetings touching the death of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi have been received from various places in this province. Hartals were also observed in many places as a mark of respect to the deceased.—A. P.

### HARTAL AND MEETING

(From Our Correspondent)

RAMGANJ MANDVI, Feb. 25

Due to the sad demise of Kasturba complete hartal was observed in Ramganj Mandi, on Thursday, and a condolence meeting was also held.

### B.B.C. BLACKOUT ON KASTURBA'S DEATH

(From A Special Correspondent)

LONDON, Feb. 25: While the British Press generally played down the death news of Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi giving a few lines from an agency report and while the B. B. C. never mentioned a word concerning her death, the American Press generally prominently front-paged Mrs. Kasturba's death and the radio broadcast gave vivid and dramatic account of her life story.

Interviewed Mrs Corbet Ashby, independent candidate for Parliament from St. Edmunds, said: "I am grieved to learn of Mrs Gandhi's death. Now Lord Wavell ought to release Mr Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and all men and women, political prisoners. Once released, Indian leaders of different schools of thought could sit round and hammer political problems without British interference".

Mrs. Ashby during her election campaign has been expressing pro-Indian point of view and condemning the Government's stand-still and unimaginative policy.

### SORENSEN TO RAISE WAVELL'S SPEECH ISSUE

"I shall not rest until I took the matter to Mr. Amery," says Rev. Reginald Sorensen, M. P., commenting in an interview upon Mr. Butler's answer to his question whether an opportunity would be given for discussing Lord Wavell's speech in Parliament.

Mr. Sorensen believes that only a full and frank discussion in the House concerning the Viceroy's speech could bring to light the hidden meaning contained in the speech, and he suggests that an unfavourable response from Mr. Amery will be final proof that the Government, like proverbial ostriches, intend burying their heads in sand doing nothing and saying nothing

### Natal Indian Congress Tributes

(From Our Correspondent.)

DURBAN, Feb. 24.

At an "overflow" mass meeting held at the Avalon Theatre under the auspices of the Natal Indian Congress to mourn the death of Mrs. Gandhi, President Godfrey recalled that he had the unique experience of working with Mahatma Gandhi. "In the Days of Mahatma's struggle in South Africa", he said, "Mrs. Gandhi was ever-ready to pull her weight. Her suffering in the epic struggle of 1913 is still fresh in our minds. In common with her great husband and the masses, she suffered 'incarceration.

The Congress passed the following resolution: "That this meeting of the Indian Community records its profound sense of sorrow at the death of Mrs. M. K. Gandhi who throughout Mahatma Gandhi's fight for the amelioration of the lot of humanity in general, has not only been a tower of strength to him but has also shared in his innumerable sacrifices for the cause". This meeting extends its heartfelt sympathy to Mahatma Gandhi and to his sons for the irreparable loss the Indian Nation has sustained".

### CONDOLENCES FROM ZANZIBAR

(From Our Correspondent.)

ZANZIBAR, Feb. 24.

At a public meeting held here under the auspices of the Indian National Association yesterday, a condolence resolution was passed, expressing the community's deep sorrow at Smt. Kasturba's demise which is a great loss to Indian Nation and womanhood.

## STOP PRESS

### REGENSBURG ATTACKED AGAIN

LONDON, Feb. 26:—The United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe announced tonight: "Strong forces of heavy bombers of the Eighth Army Air Force escorted by Army Air Force and R A F fighters today attacked the aircraft works at Regensburg, the ball bearing works at Stuttgart and other targets in southwest Germany. All targets were deep inside Germany. The Regensburg mission required a round trip of more than 1,100 miles. The bombing was done visually and the crew reported good results. Today was the fifth successive day that German aircraft plants have been attacked in force by American heavy bombers.—Reuter.

# SOVIET ADVANCE CONTINUES

## Unsuccessful Attempts By Germans To Hold Up Red Army Drive

MOSCOW, Feb. 25.

The Russians on the road to East Prussia are to-day driving west of Rogachev towards the important road and rail junction of Bobruisk, less than 28 miles away. Bobruisk is on the main line to the White Russian capital of Minsk, and the Russians are reported to be advancing rapidly after splitting important German defences.

Further north the Germans are struggling hard, but unsuccessfully to hold up the Red Army's massive drive on Pskov, and the main approaches to the Baltic Republics. A spearhead moving down on Pskov from the north, is now within 20 miles of the town.

To the north-east the Russians are pushing along the railway from Luga and are less than forty miles away. The third Soviet drive from Dno has reduced the distance to about 50 miles.

South-west of Kholm the Russians have broadened their advance and have driven forward.—Reuter.

### SOVIET TERMS FOR FINLAND

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Feb. 25.

It is reported from New York and Stockholm that the Kremlin had handed over to Whitehall and Washington copies of Armistice terms for Finland including: (1) Restoration of the frontier fixed on 12th March, 1940; (2) Internment of German troops in Finland for the duration if Finland voluntarily seeks of Russian aid and Red Army to help her keep Germans under control; (3) Immediate demobilisation of the Finnish Army with the question of Reparations for later negotiations.

The Kremlin emphasised that the Soviet Union would not insist on changes in the Finnish Government before signing of armistice.

### U. S. CAPTURES PARRY ISLANDS

#### Japs Routed In Battle For Marshalls

LONDON, Feb. 25.

Reuter's special correspondent aboard a United States flagship on Expeditionary Force at Eniwetok Atoll cables:

The Japanese lost nearly 12,000 men in the Marshalls' battles which ended with the capture of Parry Island by American marines. Some 3,000 Japanese were killed in the Eniwetok battle alone.

Parry Island was the last Japanese stronghold in the Eniwetok Atoll. The island was conquered by American marines in ten and a half hours of dogged hand-to-hand fighting for every foxhole from the minute they landed.—Reuter.

### Jap Ships Sunk

A Japanese warship and two cargo ships—one of them of 3,500 tons and loaded with troops—were sunk fleeing from the Bismarck Islands.—Reuter.

### CAPITOL BOMB CASE

#### Jury's Verdict Of 'Not Guilty': Judgment On Monday

POONA, Feb. 25.

*The Jury returned a verdict of not guilty on all counts against all the four accused, B. V. Chavan, P. S. Salvi, S. T. Kulkarni and R. R. Pardeshi in what is known as the Capitol Bomb Case.*

Judgment is reserved for Monday, February 28.—A.P.

# German Attacks Repulsed

## Fifth Army Improves Its Position: Patrols Active On All Fronts

LONDON, Feb. 25.

**To-day's 'communique' issued from Mediterranean Allied Force Advanced Headquarters says:—**

**"Fifth Army troops on both fronts have improved their positions. The enemy launched three attacks, one on the main front and two on the beachhead. All were repulsed**

**Eighth Army troops engaged the enemy at several points inflicting casualties and taking prisoners.**

**Patrols were active on all fronts.**

**STEYR BOMBED AGAIN**

**Yesterday the aircraft components plant at Steyr was attacked again by escorted heavy bombers. Many explosions were seen and fires left burning. An oil refinery in Fiume was also attacked with good results. The airfield at Fabrica Di Roma was attacked by medium bombers.**

**Fighter bombers sank a medium sized vessel on the Yugoslav coast, while other lighter aircraft bombed military objectives on the Dalmatian coast and on the west coast of Italy.**

**Fighters and fighter-bombers on the beachhead patrols attacked roads and railways and bombed army targets in the battle area.**

During the day 36 enemy aircraft were destroyed. Our losses were 21. The M. A. A. F. flew approximately 950 sorties. Over the beachhead four enemy aircraft were sighted."

**10 NAZI DIVISIONS FACE ALLIES**

Reuter's special correspondent at Allied Headquarters in North Africa cables:—

The two attacks in the beachhead zone mentioned in to-day's 'communique' as having been made by the Germans were south and south-west of Carroceto. They were in company strength and on a small scale and were repulsed with losses to the Germans. German infiltration attempts south of Carroceto were foiled. Artillery were heavily engaged on both sides.

The Germans have brought another infantry division from Northern Italy to the beachhead position and now have 10 divisions facing the Allied forces there.

Seven-inch snowdrifts are reported from the Cassino area. French troops in this sector broke up a small German attack on Monte Abate north of Terelle positions on Monte Castellone, three miles north-west of Cassino have also been improved.

British troops on the lower Garigliano beat off a German attack on Monte Ornito at noon on Wednesday.

Reports from the beachhead confirm the impression in to-day's 'communique' that Luftwaffe activity there is virtually non-existent.

### Fate Of Tax Bill!

## SENATE OVERRIDES PRESIDENT'S VETO

*WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.*

*The Senate overrode the President's veto on the Tax Bill.*

*The Senate's action followed a similar step by the House of Representatives on Thursday.*

*The senate vote was 72 for and 14 against.—Reuter.*

### SENSATIONAL SUICIDE AT PATNA

PATNA, Feb. 25.

*Mr. Birbal aged about 22, second son of Mr. Justice Manharlal, of the Patna High Court, who was to be married to-night at Patna committed suicide by shooting himself dead. Details are not yet forthcoming.—United Press.*

### LATEST COMMERCIAL

**COTTON (May.)**

New York, Feb. 25.

| | |
|---|---|
| Previous Closing | 20.45 |
| Today's Opening | 20.42 |
| Difference | —03 |
| Today's Closing | 20.47 |
| Difference | +02 |

**NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE**

New York, Feb. 25.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices.

General Motors dol. 55.

Anaconda Copper Mining Unquoted.

United States Steel Common dol 52-1/8 U S Steel pref unquoted.—Reuter.

**CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE**

CALCUTTA, Feb. 25.

The market generally ruled quiet the volume of business was limited. Government securities were easier

**Shares: The Bombay Stock Exchange remained closed on Friday but will open on Saturday.**

# CHINESE OCCUPY YAWNBANG GA

## Allies Clearing Ngakyedauk Pass On Arakan Front

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25.

During February 24 operations for clearing the Ngakyedauk Pass continued successfully, says a Communique issued from Allied Headquarters, South-East Asia Command. To the south of the pass the enemy have been driven out of their former positions through which our troops passed yesterday. The road itself is already in use.

Two columns of our troops advancing from the north are attacking enemy positions to the north-east of the eastern end of the pass, in which area the Japanese are now offering most resistance. One of these two columns has already met with considerable success.

During February 23 and the following night and day there was an increase of activity on the main front where the enemy made small scale uncoordinated attacks on the centre of our position and immediately to the east amongst hill features just north of the Maungdaw—Buthidaung road. These efforts were all broken up without losing ground except in one place where some enemy infiltration occurred and is being dealt with by our troops.

Our patrols have been in contact with the Japanese in the Chin Hills since February 21. No major action has taken place in the area concerned but patrol clashes have resulted in casualties to both sides. The enemy is showing some signs of increased activity. On the remainder of the Chin Hills and Chindwin fronts the situation remains unaltered after a quiet 24 hours.

*In North Burma Chinese patrols contacted Japanese troops retreating from the Balu Valley south of Taro. Chinese troops have occupied Yawnbang Ga.*

Our forces eliminated an enemy pocket at Tumhpang Ga killing 20 Japanese. In the Fort Hertz area our patrols ambushed a party of Japanese killing ten and wounding ten of them.

### Argentine President Quits Office

#### Chiefs And Officials Detained

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 25.

It is confirmed that General Ramirez has handed over the presidency to General Farrell.

News of the resignation of General Pedro Ramirez was given in a statement "to the people of the Argentine nation" by General Ramirez who said: "Tired by the strenuous task of Government which necessitates my taking a rest immediately, I have handed over command to the Vice-President of the Republic, Brigadier-General Edelmiro J. Farrell."

**CHIEFS AND OFFICIALS DETAINED**

MONTEVIDEO:—It is confirmed here that President Ramirez of Argentine resigned at 23 hours last night.

The presidency is stated to have been taken over by Vice-President General Edelmiro Farrel. Practically the entire Argentine Cabinet is stated to have resigned with President Ramirez.

*The Federal police in Buenos Aires in co-operation with military units are stated to have detained all chiefs and officials in middle of night.—*

### Queen Wilhelmina's Narrow Escape

LONDON, Feb. 25: It is disclosed to-day that Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands had a narrow escape in last Sunday night's raid when a bomb fell close to the house near London in which she was staying and killed two members of her house-hold. The Queen aged 63 was uninjured and it was stated to-day that she is none the worse for her experience.—Reuter.

**VICEROY'S EXECUTIVE MEETS**

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25.—A meeting of the Viceroy's Executive Council was held to-day under the Presidency of the Vice-President, the Hon'ble Sir Reginald Maxwell, says a 'communique.'—A.P.

# 15 MUSLIM LEADERS IN CONTEMPT CASE

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25.

Fifteen prominent Muslims of Delhi who are members of the newly constituted Majlis Aukaf, are concerned in a contempt of court case on which Sheik Masood Ahmed, Sub-Judge, Delhi, passed orders to-day referring the matter to the High Court for action under the Contempt of Courts Act.

Those involved in the case include Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan, General Secretary, All-India Muslim League, Principal Zakir Hussain, Mr. Hossain Imam, Member, Council of State, the Imam of the Jama Masjid, Mr. Zahid Hussain, Financial Commissioner for Railways, and Mr. Ghulam Bhiknairang, Member of the Central Assembly.

### POLICE OPEN FIRE ON SONTHALS

CALCUTTA, Feb. 25.

The police were compelled to open fire on an unruly mob of Sonthals who collected near a 'pochwai' shop on the occasion of the Shivratri festival at Tarkeshwar (Hooghly District).

Four Sonthals were injured out of which two were removed to a hospital and the other two fled away.

It is reported that the Sonthals wanted to enter the shop when the police asked them to disperse they became unruly. One of the Sonthals shot an arrow which hit a policeman. Fire was opened thereafter.—United Press.

COLOMBO: Mr Abdul Aziz has been re-elected President of Ceylon Indian Congress for 1944 without contest.

# German War Factory Town Attacked Again

## Allied Air Sweeps Over Nazi Land: Explosions On French Coast Shake British Side Of Channel

LONDON, Feb. 25.

It is officially announced that Marauders, medium bombers of the United States Ninth Air Force, this morning attacked airfields in Belgium and Holland. They were escorted and covered by R.A.F., Dominion and Allied fighters.

R.A.F bombers and Mosquitos bombed targets in Northern France to-day

Typhoon fighter bombers this morning attacked military objectives in Northern France, it is officially announced.

### R.A.F. OVER GERMANY

R. A. F. bomber were over Germany last night.

R. A. F. heavy bombers twice bombed Schweinfurt last night, it is officially announced.

The German war factory town of Schweinfurt in Bavaria was twice attacked by R. A. F. last night, only a few hours after yesterday's double blow from the north and south by United States daylight bombers.

Schweinfurt is an important inland port on the right bank of the River Maine with the manufacture of roller bearings and steel balls as its most important industry. It is estimated that about 50 per cent of the whole German output of ballbearings is produced at Schweinfurt which also has chemical, shoe and soap factories and Sachs works producing light motors for bicycles.

During heavy Fortress raid on Schweinfurt last October three of the town's most important works were wrecked.

**35 BRITISH PLANES LOST**

An Air Ministry 'communique' to-day states: "Last night aircraft of Bomber Command again made over 1,000 sorties. Schweinfurt, the German centre of ballbearing production, was the main objective and was attacked during the night. The weather was good.

Fires started yesterday by United States Eighth Army Air Force were still burning on the arrival of our first force. The target was effectively marked and by the end of the second attack a large conflagration was seen with smoke rising to a great height.

Objectives in north-west Germany were also bombed and a very extensive minelaying programme was completed. Thirty-five of our aircraft are missing. Royal Canadian Air Force intruders destroyed three enemy aircraft."

**EXPLOSIONS IN FRENCH COAST**

Two great forces of British heavy bombers crossed the English coasts last night bound for the continent, a few hours after German aircraft plans had been plasted by American air forces for the 5th successive day of the mightiest daylight air onslaught ever launched.

The first bomber force went out from the east and took ¾ of an hour to pass over the coast. The second swept out over south-east in a stream lasting 40 minutes.

**After the planes had been heard flying out across the Channel after dark last night, explosions from the French coast shook windows and doors on the British side and flares were observed in the direction of Calais.**

**RAID ON LONDON**

It is officially stated to-day that before midnight last night, German aircraft were over the London area, parts of Home Counties and South and south-east England.

In the London area, bombs caused damage and casualties. Elsewhere little damage was done and the number of casualties is small.

Mr. Churchill visited the scene of a big fire in one London district last night after the 5th successive night of the Luftwaffe attacks on London. In parts of the city it was the strongest attack of the week. In one district a dance hall was hit while dancing was in progress.

The raiders received a hot reception from night fighters and ground defences.

It is now known that 10 German aircraft were destroyed in raids on Britain last night.—Reuter.

25th SILVER JUBILEE WEEK!

On The Crest of Fame!

Shakuntala

RAJKAMAL'S RECORD SMASHER

Directed by
V. SHANTARAM

Screen Play
DEWAN SHARAR

Starring: JAYASHREE, CHANDRAMOHAN

DRAWING FULL HOUSES AT

Daily: 4, 7, 10 Fri.
Sat. Sun. 1-15 p.m.
Plans open: 10 to 1
and 3 to 7 p.m.

SWASTIK (OLD PATHE)
—The House of Fragrance

## AUCTION SALES

**AUCTION SALE OF ACCESSORIES AND SPARE PARTS OF MOTOR TRANSPORT AND GENERAL STORES.**

By order of the Deputy Director (Salvage and Disposals), Bombay, Messrs. GANDHI & CO., will offer for sale by Public Auction on Tuesday, 7th March 1944 at 10-30 A. M. (S.T.) at Port Salvage Depot, Haji Bunder, G.I.P. Ry., including 82 Tons M.T. Scrap; 50 Tons M. T. Chassis; 25 Tons Gear Wheels, Crown Wheels, Pinnions; Wheels Nos. 4000; 30 Tons Differential Casings; 10 Tons Spring Leaves; 20 Tons Crank & Can shafts; 10 Tons Wheel Rims; 50 Tons Crankshafts; 5 Tons Front Axles; Beer Tins Nos. 20000; K. O. Tins Nos. 15000; 4|5 Gal Drums Nos. 12000; 2 Gal. Petrol Cans Nos. 6000; 1|3 Gal. Paint Drums Nos. 3000; Adhesive Spools Nos. 3000; Tins Nos. 3000; 44|45 Gal. Barrels; 3 Tons Wood; 8 Tons Scrap Piping; 4 Tons Iron Scrap Galvanised; 50 Tons Front and Back Axles; Coir, Fans, Gunny, Paint Kegs, Canvas Hose, Hats, Boots, etc.

Terms: 20% Deposit in Cash.
GANDHI & CO

BONA FIDE SALE

Modern chesterfield set, bed with box-mattress, dressing table, writing table, chairs, glass, crockery, etc.

AUCTION SALE TO-MORROW SUNDAY at 10-30 A.M. (S.T.) Property of a European gentleman N. Robertson Esqr., and others at Chowpatty Seaface next to Vianellis Restaurant of complete household and office furniture. Godrej and other fire-proof Safes, Allwyn and Godrej Steel Almirahs, Standard and Portable Typewriter, Singer Machine, Elec. Table lamps, Dining Table, Chairs Side-board, Cabinet, Show Case, Writing Table, Chesterfield Sets, Almirahs, Bed with box Mattress, glass-crockery, etc., T. No. 40213.
EASTERN AUCTION CO.

BONA-FIDE SALE

AUCTION SALE of complete modern dining, drawing and bedrooms furniture, cut glassware, English dinner sets, etc., at Meher Mansion, 1st Floor, Cooperage, opp. Band Stand, on MONDAY, the 28th instant, at 11 A. M. (N.S.T.). Property of a gentleman. On view.
BENNETT & CO.,


THE UNITED COMMERCIAL BANK LTD

Paid-up Capital
Rs. 1,00,00,000

Chairman of the Central Board of Directors:—
G. D. BIRLA, Esq.,

Local Board of Directors:—
R. G. SARAIYA, Esq. (Chairman)
M. L. Dahanukar, Esq.,
Navinchandra Mafatlal, Esq.,
Madanmohan Ruia, Esq.,
Motilal Tapuriah, Esq.,
A H. Wadia, Esq.,
Mahomed Husain Hasam Premji, Esq.,

ALL KINDS OF BANKING BUSINESS TRANSACTED

Head Office: CALCUTTA.

BOMBAY OFFICE:
Petit Building, Hornby Road

Other Branches
AHMEDABAD, DELHI, HYDERABAD (Sind), KARACHI and LAHORE.

Branches opening shortly at AMRITSAR, JAIPUR and SURAT.

General Manager:
B. T. THAKUR

Bombay Manager:
O H. GHEEWALA.


## THE AGA KHAN HOCKEY TOURNAMENT 1944

The above Tournament will commence on the BOMBAY GYMKHANA GROUND on SATURDAY, 11th March, 1944.

Entries will be received up to 6-00 P.M. on Saturday, 4th March and the draw will take place at the Bombay Gymkhana on Tuesday, 7th March, 1944, at 7-00 P.M.

Entrance fee Rs. 25|- per team.

Particulars and entry forms can be obtained from

J. BIRTWISTLE,
Honorary Secretary,
c|o Bombay Gymkhana Ltd.
(7854)

# AMERICAN HELP TO INDIA'S FAMINE-STRICKEN AREAS

## Programme Costing 400,000 Dollars To Be Carried Out Immediately As Token Of Friendship

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.

A four hundred thousand dollars immediate relief programme "to carry an assurance of friendship to the people of India from the people of America and help mitigate the after-effects of the recent famine" was announced to-day in a statement issued jointly by the India Famine Relief Committee and the British War Relief Society of America.

The appropriation includes 100 000 dollars designated by the Labour League for human rights, which is the war relief arm of the American Federation of Labour, and by the National Congress of Industrial Organisations War Relief Committee as a special project from contributions of organised labour.

The programme at present embraces only the first four months of 1944, but it is expected to continue beyond then, according to need and availability of supplies

One quarter of the fund has already been shipped to India in January in the form of supplies of evaporated milk This first amount—collected by the Society of Friends—included a donation of 50.000 dollars from the British War Relief Society of America and 25.000 dollars from the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Resconstruction.

The balance of 400.000 dollars to be expended during February, March and April is National War Fund money to be allocated to the India Famine Relief Committee.

Of this sum 100,000 dollars is earmarked as contribution by members of the American federation of Labour and the Congress of Industrial Organisations, while the balance will be turned over by the British War Relief Society of America.

**RELIEF REPRESENTATIVE TO INDIA**

The relief provided by this programme will be administered in India by the American Friends Service Committee, whose Foreign Service Secretary, Mr. James G. Vail of the Quaker Organisation, is flying to India as soon as transport is available to start supplies.

Mr. Vail will co-operate with the friends ambulance unit of British Quakers which is already working on relief and rehabilitation with Indian, British and American groups in the field.

At the same time he will make a survey of further Indian needs that can be met by American help.

In Calcutta he will meet American doctors temporarily detached from the American army base in India who will confer with him on the desirability of sending American Medical Units to work with Indian and British units in coping with epidemics and under nutrition, resulting from famine.

After April, the India famine relief programme will depend partly on Mr. Vail's reports. Current official estimates of the extent of malnutrition and the need for rehabilitation indicate that "for at least a year the need will be so great that American contributions, while supplementing other efforts, can only alleviate this need in a partial degree"

At present concentrated foods, vitamins and medicines are not needed these are being purchased in the United States and sent to India by sea.

It is expected, however, that priorities will be arranged to enable vitamin supplies to go by aeroplane.—Reuter.

## *DESTITUTES MAINTAINED BY BOMBAY GOVT.*

*CALCUTTA, Feb. 25.*

*A batch of 163 Bengal destitutes who had found their way to Bombay during the food crisis and who had been maintained there by the Bombay Government at the cost of the Bengal Government were sent back sometime ago.*

*They have been since repatriated to their villages.—United Press.*

**SEVEN DESTITUTES DIE**

CALCUTTA, Feb. 25—Seven sick destitutes died in two hospitals in Calcutta and there were 38 new admissions. Eight destitutes were discharged from four hospitals in Calcutta during the day.—A.P.

**LEADING CALCUTTA BUSINESSMAN DEAD**

CALCUTTA Feb. 24.

The death has occurred of Mr. M. D. Somani, owner of 'Glad Throng' and Arctic Glow and a leading Marwari business man of Calcutta.

While going back to back his own horse on Wednesday's race, Mr. Somani dropped down senseless and was immediately removed to the emergency room of the Turf Club. He, however, could not regain consciousness and died soon afterwards.

The Marwari bazaar in the city remained closed to-day as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.—A. P.

**VICEROY IN NAGPUR**

NAGPUR, Feb. 25.—Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Wavell and Party have arrived in Nagpur by air from Madras.—A.P.

SURAT, Feb. 25.—Seventy-one of the 80 persons who stood accused in the Kharoli Dacoity Case have been declared not guilty, when the jury yesterday gave their verdict in the case. Judgment has been reserved.


HERNIA

Wonderful remedy by outward application. Thousands benefited without operation. Apply for testimonials and directions:—H. C. ROY Specialist in Hernia, Divine Treatment Hall 118 Upper Circular Road, Calcutta.

Helps the Healthy and Aids the Ailing
BARLEY
LILY BRAND BARLEY
FOR INFANTS & INVALIDS
LILY BISCUIT CO. LTD. BOMBAY-POONA-CALCUTTA

Lily BRAND BARLEY

INDIA'S BEST FOOD DRINK

Prepared daily in Calcutta — Free from all climatic effects

LILY BISCUIT CO.
CALCUTTA : BOMBAY

BOMBAY DEPOT:
MANGALDAS MARKET


## INDEPENDENCE PLEDGE ECHO

### Bengal Government's Letter To Calcutta Corporation

CALCUTTA, Feb. 25.

The Secretary to the Calcutta Corporation has, it is understood, received a semi-official letter from the Public Health and Local Self-Government Department of the Government of Bengal, inquiring if it was a fact, as reported in the Press, that the Independence Pledge, as formulated by the Indian National Congress, was read at the meeting of the Corporation on January 26 last. In case the report is correct Government have requested to be furnished with a copy of the pledge.

A copy of the day's proceedings has, it is learnt, been forwarded to the Government.—A. P.

### Official Version Of Strike In Ratlam Mill

The Publicity Officer, Ratlam State, writes:

"My attention has been drawn to a paragraph published in the "Chronicle" of the 21st February, 1944, under the caption 'Quit Order on Labourers'. As the paragraph contains misrepresentation of facts, I am addressing this letter to you.

For sometime, there was acute rivalry between two sections of leaders of Millhands employed in the local Textile mills, one set of leaders trying to pull down the position of the other. Certain disputes had also arisen last month regarding the grant of extra war allowance between the proprietors and workers. After prolonged hearing of both the employers and the mill workers, it was agreed to refer the points of dispute to the sole arbitration of the Chief Minister. After the appointment of the arbitrator, the demands of workers were fully gone into, and an award was given on the 9th February, 1944. As it was not possible to find out which section of the workers represented the majority view, the Chief Minister, laid down a machinery, in the said award whereby a Committee of 11, of workers might be elected for 2 years before 31st March 1944 and the District and Sessions Judge was appointed Polling Officer to supervise the elections. Instead of abiding by the award and accepting the extra dearness allowance, a few malcontents started a propaganda persuading some of the ignorant people to go in for a fresh strike. In order to prevent further breaches of the peace, seven of the agitators had to be served with Notices under Rule 26 (1) of the Defence of India Rules to quit Ratlam. All the seven obeyed the order and have left Ratlam. After their departure there has been a steady of resumption of work at the Mills and in a day or two it is expected that both the day and night shifts will be in full working order. I may further inform you that these people have yesterday tendered an unqualified apology to the State for not abiding by the terms of the award and have agreed to resume work unconditionally.

### Preference For Medicos With War Service

The Bombay Government has decided that if, during the war, any direct recruit to the Indian Medical Services has occasion to revert from war service and if his record of war service is satisfactory and he is otherwise fit he is to be provided with a temporary vacancy in the Provincial Medical Services by the displacement of a temporary officer who has no war service.

The Government has also decided that, after the war, in filling even temporary vacancies in the Provincial Medical Services (except posts of a special nature) preference is to be given to persons who have served in the Military Medical Services and who have approved war service to their credit. Other things being equal, the selection is to be made solely according to the length of approved war service.

CALCUTTA: Mr. C. P. Lawson, M. L. A. (Central), has been re-elected president of the European Association for all India for 1944.

### SELECTIONS FOR TODAY'S RACES

## DEEPAK SHOULD WIN GOVERNOR GENERAL'S CUP

(From Our Racing Correspondent)

Small-sized fields figure in most events in the programme scheduled for decision to-day at Mahaluxmi.

The Governor-General's Cup carries attraction while the Byculla Club Cup, the General Obaidullah Khan Memorial Gold Cup and the Turf Club Cup also hold out for decision.

The Gwalior-owned Deepak, winner of the year's Indian Derby is greatly fancied in the day's big attraction.

Finalist, Dancing Lily and Wavell possess excellent chances in their respective cup engagements.

The following are my selections:—

1st race: Cherrie Moi 1. Peerless 2. Blue Water 3.

2nd race: Menu Suffrage 1. Lidsdown 2. Jai-Vilas 3.

3rd race: Wavell 1. Chief Ruler 2. Indemnity 3.

4th race: Bismark 1. Flying Fortress 2. Embassy Row 3.

5th race: Finalist 1. Avon Song 2.

6th race: Deepak 1. Royal Windsor 2. Big Joy 3.

7th race: Dancing Lily 1. Toofan Mail 2. Philanthropist 3.

8th race: Sardar Saheb 1. Injustice 2. Prince Buland 3.

9th race: Another Devil 1. Ayesha Gay Spaniard 3.

Flukes: Call To Arms and Firouze.

**"FALSE RUMOUR" OF BARODA DEWAN'S RESIGNATION**

The Information Officer is authorised to state that the reports to which some newspapers have given publicity about the Dewan Saheb Sir V. T. Krishnamachari having resigned or going on leave are false


BROADWAY
Daily 4-30, 7-15 & 10 p.m.
Matinee Sat., Sun. 2 p.m.
GITANJALI MOVIETONE'S
SAWAL
With
MUMTAZ SHANTI, ULHAS, AGA, RADHARANI
TOMORROW SUN 10 A.M.
BOMBAY TALKIES KANGAN

PALACE Daily at 3-30, 6-30 & 9-30 P.M.
No Story before so steeped in heroism....no picture so packed with excitement!
DESPERATE JOURNEY
ERROL FLYNN, R. REAGAN
SUN. MORN AT 10-30 A.M.
TOPPER TAKES A TRIP
CONSTANCE BENNETT
RONALD YOUNG

28th WEEK!
PRAKASH Pictures'
RAM RAJYA
Director: VIJAY BHATT
SUPER
Hindi: Fri., Sat., Sun at 12-30
Daily at 3-30 & 6-30 HINDI
MARATHI Sun. at 9-30 a.m.
Daily at 9-45 p.m. MARATHI
An EVERGREEN Release

SPECIAL MORNING SHOW
On Sun. 27th Feb.
at 9-30 a.m.
"KARNARJUN"
(in BENGALI)
ROXY

PARADISE
MAHIM
Daily 4, 6-45 & 9-45 P.M.
M.-G.-M.'s GLORIOUS TRIUMPH
RANDOM HARVEST
GREER GARSON
RONALD COLMAN
Sunday Morn. 10-30 A.M
I AM A FUGITIVE FROM A CHAIN GANG
PAUL MUNI

2nd Week of Crowds!
CIRCO'S MYTHOLOGICAL HIT
MAHATMA VIDUR
Starring: PAGNIS, DURGA KHOTE
Daily 4, 7 10 Sat. Sun. Hol. 1 P.M.
Join the Crowds at
PLAZA TALKIES DADAR

NEW TALKIES
—BANDRA—
Daily: 4, 7, and 10 p.m.
Now on
SAIGAL, KHURSHID
in
BHAKTA SURDAS
7th NON-STOP WEEK!
KARDAR'S GAY COMEDY
NAMASTE
Protima Dasgupta, Wasti
Daily: 4, 6-45 & 9-30 p. m.
Matinee: Sat., Sun. 1 p. m.
CHITRA
Vincent Road, Dadar.

HINDMATA
(PAREL)
Daily: 4-15, 7-15 & 10 p. m.
Sat., Sun. Holidays 1-30 p.m.
4th WEEK
BOMBAY CINETONE'S
SAVEIRA
(DAWN)
SHOBHANA SAMARTH, AROON, NIRMALA, YAKUB

"The Northern Lights Of Bombay"
AURORA
Daily: 3-30, 6-30 & 9-30 p. m.
Most exciting stars of the day!
Most thrilling story of the year!
Most Sensational City in the world!
"CASABLANCA"
WARNER BROS.' TIMELY DRAMA
with
INGRID BERGMAN
PAUL HENREID
HUMPHREY BOGART
TOMORROW MORN. AT 10-30
Love, Suspense and Pathos in an Unforgettable Drama!
"FOUR SONS"
Starring: DON AMECHE

CITY LIGHT
B. B. Matunga
Daily: 4, 7 & 10 p.m.
Sat., Sun. Holidays 1-15 p. m.
NATIONAL'S
LALAJI
YESHODHARA, KATJU, YAKUB, KABULI.

EROS
India's most hygienic Theatre
Daily: 3-30, 6-30 & 9-30 p.m.
Phone 22519
The triumph of stage, novel, radio and Redbook...now a picture that'll live in your heart for ever!
"CLAUDIA"
A 20th Century-Fox Picture with
DOROTHY McGUIRE
(The hit Star of Broadway)
ROBERT YOUNG, INA CLAIRE, REGINALD GARDINER
Also—Latest War News
Sunday Morning at 10 a.m.
TYRONE POWER, GENE TIERNEY & GEORGE SANDERS
in
"SON OF FURY"
(The story of Benjamin Blake)
TAMIL
SIVAKAVI
with
THYAGARAYA BHAGAVATAR
Sun. 27th 9-45 a. m.
LIGHT HOUSE

IN THIS WAR OF

POWER
VS
PRINCIPLE
Those who have FAITH will certainly win says
THIS PEOPLE'S SAINT who won his first Battle against power
See his story in JAYANT DESAI Productions'
Bhaktaraj
PAGNIS, VASANTI, DIXIT, MUBARAK,
Director: JAYANT DESAI
10th Week
LAMINGTON
Daily: 4-30, 7-15 & 10 p.m.
Sat., Sun. Holidays 1-45 p.m.

THEFT
NOT OF MONEY OR MATERIAL
But of LIFE!
SEE THE UNIQUE DEVELOPMENT in
ANGOOTHI
ASHOK KUMAR
CHANDRAPRABHA
2nd WEEK of THUMPING SUCCESS at 2 THEATRES
CAPITOL & KAMAL.
Sat., Sun. Matinee at 1 p. m. Sun. Matinee at 1-30 p. m
Daily at 4, 7 & 10 p. m.
Reservation 10 to 12 & 3 to 6
Bookings: Imperial Film Exchange—B'bay 4.

TAGORE WEEK
SUNDAY 27th FEB. AT 6-30 P.M.
SANTINIKETAN ARTISTES PRESENT A
SPECIAL & FINAL PERFORMANCE BY POPULAR REQUEST
VALMIKI PRATIBHA
(in BENGALI)
IN GLORIOUS COLOUR AND MUSIC
ADMISSION: Rs. 25, 10, 7, 5, 3, 2 & Re. 1.
AT
FRAMJI CAWASJI INSTITUTE
(Old Wellington Cinema, near Metro)
Plans open at the Theatre from 11 a. m. to 7 p. m.

QUEER GAME
of FATE
in all its FORCE
MEHBOOB Productions'
TAQDEER
DIRECTED BY MEHBOOB
Director: MEHBOOB
Motilal, Chandramohan Charlie, Nargis,
9th WEEK at ROXY
Sat. Sun. Matinee at 1 p.m. Daily 3-30 6-30 & 9-30
Reservation 9-30 to 12 and 3-30 to 6
Indian F. Exchange Bombay, 8.

SUPPORT THE INDIAN RED CROSS
by taking a chance in the
GRAND RUPEE RAFFLE FUND
(2ND SERIES)
Under the distinguished patronage of H. E. the GOVERNOR and LADY COLVILLE
1st Prize Rs. 1,000 Govt. Lottery Bonds
2nd Prize Rs. 500 Govt. Lottery Bonds
and many other prizes
Lucky numbers pre-selected by Lady Colville.
BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!
only Re. 1/- each
From: Chairman, Ladies' Committee, (3rd Floor, Central Bank Building, Fort); All Leading Bombay Stores; Mr. Bigwood, Christ Church School Byculla Bombay and Mrs. J. Carter, 10 Victoria Road, Poona
USE RED CROSS STAMP SEALS
Seal all your notes with them—and save envelopes.
Seal all your letters with them—and ensure privacy.
Re. 1/- per parcel of 16: from the Ladies' Committee.


Digitized with financial assistance from the Government of Maharashtra on 18 April, 2017

IT HAS TAKEN BOMBAYITES BY STORM!

NAVIN PICTURES'
SOCIAL MASTERPIECE

DOST

with an

ALL-STAR CAST

★ NUR JEHAN ★ MOTILAL
★ HUSHN BANU ★ MAYA BANERJI
★ KANAIYALAL ★ MIRZA MUSHARAF
★ VATSALA ★ HIMALAYAWALLA

*Director:*
SHAUKAT HUSSAIN

Music: SAJJAD HUSSAIN

★ AJIT RELEASE ★

IMPERIAL CINEMA

Daily: 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
Sat. Sun. Matinee 1-30 p.m.
Advance Booking: 10 a.m. to 12 noon.



GALA Premiere To-day at 1 p. m. From Sat., 26th Feb.

THIS CHANGING
WORLD REFLECTS IN
THE CHANGING HUES OF
FILM ENTERTAINMENT!

★

DANCING—SINGING SWEET-HEART OF TO-DAY
MUMTAZ SHANTI
IN MURARI Pictures' Musical Romance!

The GLAMOUR-GIRL OF "BASANT" & "KISMET" GOES ONE BETTER..... IN THIS MUSICAL
DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA MIRRORING NEW HOPES OF HUMANITY OF THIS WAR-TORN WORLD!!

'BADALTI-DUNIYA'

—with—TRILOK KAPOOR, SHAHZADI, K. C. DEY, Badri Prasad & Rajkumari Shukla

Direction: Mohan Sinha
Music: K. C. Dey & others

OPENING TO-DAY— AT NEW WEST-END

Daily: 4, 7 & 10 p.m.
Sat., Sun. Mat. at 1 p.m.

Advance Booking: 10 a. m. to 12 Noon 3 p. m. to 6 p. m.



6th CROWDED WEEK!

OLD IS OLD & YOUNG IS YOUNG
NE'ER THE TWAIN CAN MEET!

That's The Refrain You'll Sing in This Great Social Drama of Youth and courage!

KANOON

Starring: Mehtab, Ullhas, Nirmala, Shahu Modak & JAGIRDAR

Producer-Director: KARDAR'S Progressive Hit

Music:- NAUSHAD
Songs & Dialogue:- MADHOK

Daily: 4, 7, & 10 p.m.
Sat., Sun. Mat. at 1 p. m.

MINERVA

(A Kapurchand & Co. Release)


# CITY AND SUBURBS

## TO-DAY

Hindu: Falgun Shud 3, 2000
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Avval 1, 1363
Parsi: Shehrever 25, 1313
Sunrise: 8-2 a.m, Sunset 7-41 p.m
Hightide: 1-26, 13-44, Lowtide 7-36, 19-11

## *Domestic Occurrence*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Mrs. Yashodabai Prabhavalkar, Mrs. Kumudini Rangnekar and Mr. G. G. Rangnekar sincerely thank all relatives and friends for their letters of condolence in their recent bereavement in the demise of Mr. S. D. Prabhavalkar, Engineer and Contractor but regret their inability to reply to each individually.

## *To-day's Engagements*

PROGRESSIVE WRITERS' MEETING: At 3-30 p m on Sunday when there will be a discussion on 'Naya Tarana'.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL KAMGAR SANGH:—Monthly meeting of the Managing Committee in its Office at Parel 7-30 p.m.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION: Pictorial photographs of H I Rahimtoola, and H K Dadyburjor, 195, Hornby Road, Opp. New Book Company, from 5 p m to 7-30 p m Free admission.

S. I. BHAJANA SAMAJ, MATUNGA: Harikatha Kalakshepam on "Valli Parinayam" by Br. Sri, P N Seshagiri Bhagavathar at 9 p m

ORTHODOX SYRIAN CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION:—General body meeting tomorrow (Sunday) at 5 p m at Byculla Y M C A building, Reynold's Road.

SOUTH INDIAN SANGEETA SABHA:—The Musical Concert which has been announced for tomorrow (Sunday) evening is postponed on account of the illness of Mr Ayyengar.

CRICKET CLUB OF INDIA:—The annual meeting of the Secretaries of cricket clubs in Bombay to arrange the cricket fixture for the ensuing season will be held at the Governor's Pavilion, Brabourne Stadium, on Friday, the 3rd March 1944 at 6 p m.

MAZDAZNAN:—To-morrow (Sunday) at 10-30 a m Prayer meeting at Mazdaznan Temple, opp. Churchgate Station Sermon by Dasturji Bode on "Fulfilment of duties is the Praise of Mazda". At 6-15 p m Philosophy class conducted by Dasturji Bode.

BOMBAY KERALEEYA SAMAJ:—Mr M K Raja, Editor, "Mathrubhumi," to speak on "Famine conditions and Relief measures in Kerala," tomorrow (Sunday) at 6-30 p m (S T) at the Poddar College Hall, Matunga (G I P)

FRIENDS OF SOVIET UNION:—A meeting will be held at the Friends of the Soviet Union Office, 48 Benham Hall Lane, Girgaum today (Saturday) at 7 p m where Poet Harindranath will initiate the first of the 'Heritage they Defend' series.

WILSON HIGH SCHOOL OLD BOYS' UNION:—Mr L S Bhandare the retiring principal of union High School and once a popular teacher of Wilson High School will be honoured on the occasion of the annual social gathering of the above association at 5 p m in the school hall.

NATIONAL WAR FRONT:—Course of Studies in International Relationship for High School and College teachers. The sixth lecture on "Great Britain: Outlook on World Affairs" by Rev Prof James Kellock, in the Lecture Hall of the University School of Economics Saturday, at 5 p m.

COMMISSIONER'S ROUND:—The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 3 (Mandvi Chakla) will meet near the Junction of Mahomedally Road and Musjid Bunder Road at 6-51 a m (B T) 8-20 a m (S T) to go round the Ward.

"JASHN-E-MILAD-UN-NABI":—For celebrating 12 days of "Milad-un-Nabi," Nasrullah Khan Aziz, editor of the "Musalman" Allauddin Siddique, and Maulana Mohammed Haneef Nadvi will speak up to the 7th of March at Jakaria Musjid Street, Bhuj Mohalla beginning at 10-30 p m (N S T) every night. The first lecture was given on Thursday.

RAMAKRISHNA ANNIVERSARY:—The 109th birthday anniversary of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa at 6-15 p m Public Meeting at Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge. PRESIDENT: Mr K M Munshi, Musical Entertainment by: Prof Ramchandra Kale and Mrs Frenny Cama and party. SPEECHES By: Principal K G Nayak, Mrs Tara A Baig, Prof Sardar Hari Singh of Khalsa College. Prof Pherozshah S H Jhabwala, of Poddar's College. Closing Song By: Prof Ramachandra Kale, and Mrs Frenny Cama.

**S. N. D. T. INDIAN WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY**

Dewan Bahadur Hiralal L Kuji has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of the SNDT Indian Women's University Bombay.

Measures preparatory to the introduction of rationing are to be taken in Deolali village, in the Nasik taluka of Nasik District, where the Rationing Preparatory Measures Act has been enforced from February 24. The Retail Trade control and Licensing Order has been enforced in the village from the same date.

**ART IN INDUSTRY EXHIBITION**

Artists and Industrialists will learn with interest that Bombay will be the venue for a display of the Prize Winning Entries of the 1944 All-India Art in Industry Exhibition recently held in Calcutta.

The Exhibition attracted considerable interest being visited by over 12,000 people in under a fortnight and prize money worth about Rs. 19,000 was distributed among Indian Artists. It is learnt that the Organisers propose to arrange the display from the 3rd to the 6th March in the Gymkhana of the Sir J. J. School of Art. It is of interest to note that the "Art-in-Industry movement will be placed on a permanent basis this year.

## Indian Culture Essay Competition

The Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan is holding its Annual Indian Culture Essay Competition. This Competition for which medals worth Rs. 1,050 have been donated for this year, is intended to be an encouragement and incentive for Indo-Logical Research and Study to bring out the best of the rising Indian talent from all over the country.

## Protest Against Increase In Railway Fares

The Bombay Keraleeya Samaj has sent the following telegram to Sir Edward Benthall, Railway Member of the Government of India:

"Bombay Keraleeya Samaj enter emphatic protest against the proposed increase in railway fares by 25 per cent. They view the impost as iniquitous and urge you drop the proposal."

## In Aid Of Indian Red Cross Fund

**MAGICIANS' SOCIETY'S SHOW ON SUNDAY**

The President of the Society of Indian Magicians, Dr. F. D. Nasikvala has organised another show for the Indian Red Cross Fund, under the distinguished patronage of H. E. the Governor of Bombay, at Sunderabai Hall, to-morrow (Sunday) at 6 p.m.

This time the magical programme is something different as the great La Roos with his three equally mystical daughters and with two tons of mystical paraphernalia will enchant the audience. Notably amongst the family troupe, though equally clever, Miss Zanobia Ditt (aged 9 years), the youngest daughter of La Roos will make you wonder. Then the mystic eye of Dr. Faustus, the Modern Exponent of Mystic Arts will amaze you with his second sight or commonly known as mind reading.

Mr. Val Terry, of B.B.C. Radio fame, with his famous Bobby will entertain last but not the least, young girls of the Vacha Wadia Girls' Schools will give two turns, one in Dutch Dance and the other a pantomime play, called the Sadhwi Mirabai, which items were much appreciated lately when they were performed in Bombay.

## Kandivli Physical Training Institute

BOMBAY, Friday.

The demonstration and the closing function of the Kandivli Training Institute for Physical Education, was held this evening at the Wilson College, when the Hon. Sir Leonard Stone, Chief Justice of Bombay, presided.

The programme at the Gowalia Tank where Mr. M. R. Masani was expected to preside was postponed.

After interesting items of programme of physical exercise, the Secretary of the Institute read the report.

Principal Joseph of the Institute said that about 400 men and women were awarded diplomas and about 1,000 students secured instructions in short courses.

Swami Kuvalayananda, Chairman of Physical Education Board spoke of the necessity of Physical Culture Institutions all over the country.

The President, Hon. Sir Leonard Stone, Chief Justice of Bombay, paid tributes to the way in which physical demonstration is being conducted at Kandivli and hoped this gospel of health and happiness would spread throughout the country.

## Has Paramour Insurable Interest In Mistress' Life?

(Before the Hon'ble Mr Justice Rajadhyaksha).

Chagan Naran and Others. Appellants (Original Plaintiffs)
vs.
The Central Mutual Life Assurance Co. Ltd. Respondent. (Original Defendant)

A widow named Laxmi, Patidar by caste belonging to Morvi came to Ahmedabad and lived as the mistress of one Soni Amthalal. By a policy dated 13th September 1932 she effected an insurance on her life for Rs. 2,000. She died on 22nd July 1933. Her brothers filed this suit to recover the policy moneys. Both the lower courts found as a fact that the real person who effected the insurance was Soni Amthalal whose mistress she was. The question therefore arose whether he had any insurable interest in the life of Bai Laxmi. On behalf of the insurance company it was contended that he had no such interest and that the policy was therefore void as a wagering contract under Section 30 of the Contract Act. The trial court rejected this contention of the company and decreed the plaintiffs' suit. The District Court of Ahmedabad reversed that decree. The plaintiffs appealed to the High Court.

Confirming the decree of the lower appellate court, his lordship held that Soni Amthalal had no insurable interest in Bai Laxmi. His lordship was of opinion that the right necessary to afford an insurable interest must be a right which the law recognizes as valid and subsisting and a mere moral claim will not give an insurable interest. His lordship therefore dismissed the appeal with costs.

Mr J C Shah with Mr N C Shah appeared for the appellants.

Mr S A Desai with Mr H F Reddi appeared for the respondent company.

## Red Cross Fete Opened By Lady Colville

Pleasure resort of a unique kind, intended to serve two purposes—entertain the Bombayite of every age and render a helping hand to the Red Cross, was opened by Lady Colville to-day at the Cooperage. The Merrie Town Fete which is the name given to this place of entertainment has a special theatre where many interesting items will be provided every evening, a Hoopla stall where the visitor with a sure aim could bag a bottle of hair cream, perfume or some other article, a corner with dolls dressed in Polish costumes. The most amusing item perhaps is the Donkey Derby where the agile four-footers compete for a trophy every evening.

Declaring the Fete open Lady Colville said that the citizen who paid for this entertainment would be rendering humanitarian service too in as much as the proceeds of the Fete would be set apart for the Red Cross—an organisation which brought cheer to the warrior on the battlefield and to the prisoner-of-war. She appreciated the work of Mrs. F. S. Talyarkhan and others who organised the Fete.

## Amateur Dramatic Circle

The Amateur Dramatic Circle, well-known in Bombay for their previous successful productions, "Tilly of Bloomsbury," "Nothing But The Truth," "The Donavan Affair," "Bats in the Belfry" and "You asked for It" (a non-stop variety revue), are staging a brand-new non-stop revue once again!

This show, entitled "Come And Get It" will feature a wide range of items, such as an operetta, magic, song and dance numbers, and many other sketches. It will be performed at the Excelsior Theatre tomorrow (Sunday) and Sunday March, 5 both days in the morning.

**LITERACY WEEK COLLECTION EXCEEDS RS. 20,000**

The Literacy Week was a splendid success both in point of publicity and collection. Almost all the Institutions and individual workers have now credited their collections which show that the total amount exceeds Rs. 20,000. After meeting the incidental expenses, it is expected that about Rs. 16,000 net will be left for the Committee's literacy Fund. This is more than four times the sum the Committee ever got before through this source.

The public response was satisfactory beyond expectation and indicates that the Bombay public has realised the urgency of adult education and has appreciated the work which the Committee has been doing. The success is due to the co-ordinated effort of a number of institutions and citizens.


REGAL ('Phone 35017)
At 4, 6-30 & 9-30 p.m.

GREATER THAN THE BOOK READ BY MILLIONS!

Paramount's great star cast in the sensational story of Europe's "underground army"!

"HOSTAGES"

starring Luise Rainer · Arturo de Cordova
William Bendix · Paul Lukas
with Katina Paxinou · Oscar Homolka
Directed by FRANK TUTTLE · A Paramount Picture

Sunday, 10-30 a.m.
"ROAD TO ZANZIBAR"
Bing CROSBY, Bob HOPE, Dorothy LAMOUR

CAPITOL, Sunday, 10 a.m.
"ANTHONY ADVERSE"
Fredric March, Olivia de Havilland



★

13th HOUSE-FULL WEEK!

SONG —OF— LOVE

Flying High on the WINGS of Rosy ROMANCE!

NEW THEATRES' Song-spangled Show!

Starring: BHARATI DEVI, ASHIT BARRAN, NAWAB

WAPAS

Direction:— HEMCHUNDER
Music: R. C. BORAL

★

Daily: 4, 7 & 10 p.m.
Sat., Sun. Mat. at 1 p.m.

KRISHNA

(A Calcutta F. E. Release)



THE WOMAN'S HEART

laid bare in all its
*Greatness Magnificence*

HIND PICTURES
SALMA
INDIA F.C. RELEASE

5 FIFTH FORCEFUL WEEK 5

NOVELTY

Sat. Sun. Matinee at 1-30 p.m.

Daily at 4, 7, and 10 p.m.

*Reservation 10-30 to 12 and 5 to 6 p.m.*

SUN. at 10 a. m.
GREAT LIE
Starring: BETTE DAVIES



BANDRA TALKIES
Daily: 4 & 6-45 p. m.

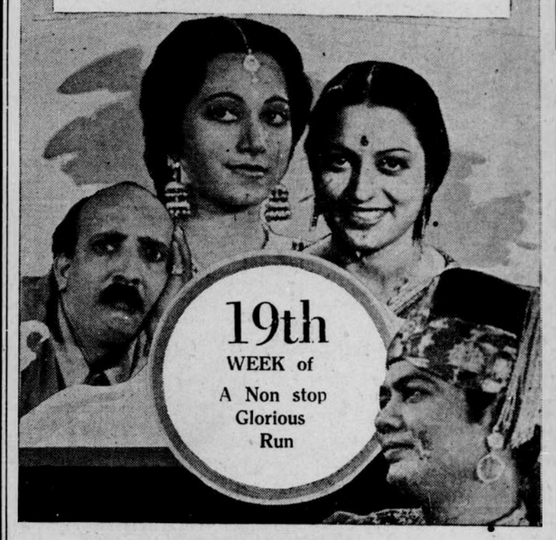
From SATURDAY to TUESDAY
HEDY LAMARR & WALTER PIDGEON
in
"WHITE CARGO"

WEDNESDAY to FRIDAY
KATHRYN GRAYSON, VAN HEFLIN & MARSHA HUNT in
'SEVEN SWEETHEARTS'

SUNDAY MORNING at 10-30
LOUIS HAYWARD & JOAN BENNETT in
"THE MAN IN THE IRON MASK"

EDWARD
Daily: 3-30, 6-30, 9-30 p. m.
4th FINAL WEEK!
DOCTOR
PANKAJ MULLICK, BHARATI
Sunday Morn. 10 a. m.
THE INVISIBLE MAN
Gloria Stuart, Claude Rains

BOMBAY TALKIES' LATEST TRIUMPH
Hamari Baat




Daily: 4, 7, 10 p.m.
Sat. Sun. Matinee: 1-30
MAJESTIC
Book in Advance



3rd WEEK

RANJIT'S

GORGEOUS MYTHOLOGICAL PUNCTUATED WITH SENTIMENTS AND EMOTIONS THAT EVERY MAN OR WOMAN EXPERIENCES IN LIFE—

SHANKAR-PARVATI

Starring:
SADHONA BOSE
AROON

Director: CHATURBHUJ DOSHI

AJIT RELEASE

OPERA HOUSE

Daily: 4, 7 & 10 p.m.
Sat. Sun. Matinee 1-30 p.m.
Advance Booking: 9-30 to 12-30 & 3 to 6-30
Free list suspended



*Fifty Rupees for A Hen!*

It's no black-market Price but the price of hen that lays Golden eggs!

—And it's this hen that brings about the first and most humorous meeting of lovers in

NAVYUG'S tale of To-day and Tomorrow

NAYA TARANA

Direction: NAJAM NAQVI
Story: K. A. ABBAS

Starring: SNEHPRABHA, JAIRAJ, DAVID

4TH WEEK OF FULL HOUSES

Plans open 10 to 12 and 3 to 6 p.m.
A 'Peerless' Release.

Daily: 4, 7, 10. Sat., Sun. 1 p.m.

CENTRAL

## ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Feb. 25.

Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at eight hours on 21/2/44:—

Allahabad 76 53 0; BOMBAY 86 65 0; Calcutta 81 58 0; Cawnpore 76 53 0; Cuttack 81 64 0.4; Darjiling 47 39 0; Delhi 73 51 0; Dehra Fun 65 44 0; Jacobabad 79 58 0; Karachi 79 69 0; Lahore 57 45 0; Lucknow 77 52 0. Madras 88 74 1.7; Nagpur 79 57 0; Peshawar 67 50 0; Shillong 36 0; Simla 46 32 0.—A. P.

## A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*To win the war isn't enough. The question now, as during World War I, is whether the human race has sufficient intelligence and capacity to impose upon itself conditions which will assure that the future will, for a time, at least, be relieved of mass murder, fratricide and suicide—that which we call war.*

—JOSEPH E. DAVIES.

The Bombay Chronicle

## BE PREPARED

The Central Assembly did the right thing in adopting the cut motion condemning the proposal to enhance railway fares. It is significant that all the Indian parties supported the motion. The European group opposed it presumably because the incidence of the enhanced fares would fall much less on the rich than on the poor. The Transport Member had made out a poor case for the increased fares in his Budget speech. Indeed, there was no case at all when there was huge profit even without the increase. He practically gave away his case when he admitted that the main object was extraneous namely to check railway travelling and inflation. At a time when travelling by bus is rendered extremely difficult by petrol shortage it is cruel to impose upon poor third class passengers a high and sudden increase in fares. They never travel except when necessary and the higher fares, instead of checking travel, will only mulct the poor of a larger part of their earnings. It is a fallacy to presume that the present high prices have benefited all poor people. The farmers proper may have been benefited but most farmworkers are wage earners and their wages have not increased to the extent prices have. That is one big reason why millions are underfed to-day and otherwise in severe poverty.

To justify the increased rates on the plea of deflation is also fallacious. It is far worse than straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel. The Finance Member defined inflation as a state of affairs in which the rupees going out of Government's hands exceeded the rupees coming back to them. Apart from the crudity of the definition, more decent ways to combat inflation are to check the ceaseless fresh inflow of currency, to encourage voluntary loans with a higher rate of interest, start more industries and above all, to make the Government responsible to the people. As regards the plea that the enhanced rates will be utilised in the future to give some necessary amenities to the poor third class passengers, it is nauseating hypocricy. These passengers are entitled to demand the amenities today as they have already paid heavily for their travel, only to bring profit to the Railway Board. Mr. Jamnadas Mehta stated a plain truth when he described the Railway Budget as "predatory in its purpose, oppressive in its results and contemptuous of public opinion." The whole Budget may be certified by the Viceroy in spite of any number of cut motions that may be passed. But no objectionable feature in it should go unchallenged. It must be condemned unequivocally. "It is the paramount duty of the Government to deal with inflation", said the Finance Member in opposing the cut motion. In saying this he perhaps hinted at the certainty of the cut being restored through certification. It may also be a hint of the coming of a bigger Budget more predatory and oppressive in its character and more defiant of public opinion. The House must be prepared for it.

## FRANKLY SPEAKING

### Domestic Upheaval In U. S.

A piquant situation has arisen in the United States by the overriding of President Roosevelt's veto on the Tax Bill by the House of Representatives. The keenness of feelings aroused on this issue can be gauged by the figures of voting—299 votes to 95—and the spirited resignation and prompt re-election of Senator Alben Barkley, the Democratic leader in the Senate, which preceded the voting. The Senator who was so long a faithful supporter of the Administration, has virtually accused the President of wilful misrepresentation and of calculated assault upon the honesty and integrity of every member of the legislature of the United States The tussle between the Congress and the Administration usually comes to a head in the election year but this year tempers seem to have been abnormally frayed. All this may have no direct effect on the prosecution of the war but it undoubtedly indicates the gravity of the political situation in the United States. It was recently reported that President Roosevelt has made up his mind to run for the fourth term. While his chances of success may certainly be bright, the prospects of a fourth term President are bound to create still more violent upheavals in the domestic politics of the United States. Already cries of dictatorship are being raised against Roosevelt and the latest action of the House of Representatives will strengthen the hands of his critics.

### Finnish Resistance Cracking

After heroically repudiating all reports of peace negotiations, the Finnish Radio has broadcast a tell-tale statement by M. Tanner, the Foreign Minister. It is evident from that statement that the Finnish Government is no longer indulging in the tall talk of loyalty to its German allies, and is angling for the best terms to get out of her present predicament. M. Tanner goes to the length of declaring that "if the terms are acceptable, we shall accept them immediately." There will be, however, wide divergence of opinion regarding the word 'acceptable.' Acceptable to whom? Russia, like her Allies, is likely to insist upon the unconditional surrender of her enemies; and unlike last occasion, Finland cannot escape lightly out of the war now. Moreover, Marshal Mannerheim and Hitler may still have something to say about the continuation of hostilities.

### Hard On Students

We published on Monday last a report about the number of students sent up by the St. Xavier's College for the various University examinations and the number of students detained. Shortly after we received from two correspondents a joint letter purporting to be an accurate and authoritative statement about the number of students detained. We wished to publish this along with our own correspondent's reply thereto, but while we published the latter yesterday we inadvertently omitted the former. We much regret this, as also the inaccuracies in our first report. We publish the omitted report to-day on this page. As regards the main point at issue, namely, the number of detentions, we note with pleasure that they are few in the case of the B.A. and B.Sc. classes. As regards the Inter-Science class, we note that 28 per cent of the students have been detained, presumably because they did not come up to the requisite standard at the preliminary examination. Considering that these students have been at college for two years after passing the University's Matriculation Examination, apart from the common belief that only those who stand high at the Matric are admitted to the St. Xavier's, one would expect fewer detentions. If there must be any at all. We do not think it unreasonable to send up all or almost all the students who have kept the requisite terms for the University examination, treating the "Prelim" as only a means of bringing home to the students their weak points. Examinations are nowadays regarded as an evil, though a necessary one. Why add to the evil by multiplying them needlessly?

## C. P. MINISTERIAL SERVICEMEN TO FAST

### Protest Day On March 5 To Demonstrate High Cost Of Living

NAGPUR, Feb. 24.

*The Central Managing Committee of the Ministerial services Association, C. P. and Berar, has decided to observe Sunday, March 5, 1944, as a day of fasting for the purpose of demonstrating to Government the sufferings of the members of the Services owing to the high cost of living.*

*District Associations are being instructed to hold meetings on the day and pass resolutions to support their demand.*—A. P.

## VON BLOMBERG AND BRAUSCHITSCH DEAD?

LONDON (By Mail).—Quoting diplomatic circles in Stockholm, the British United Press reported in a recent message that Field Marshal Von Blomberg, a former German War Minister and General Von Brauschitsch, who was dismissed from the post as Commander-in-Chief of the German Army for failing to take Moscow are dead. But the report lacks confirmation in Berlin official circles.—India Press Service.

## U.S SHOULD LIFT BAN ON INDIANS

(From A Special Correspondent.)

LONDON, Feb. 25.

The opinion that there should be no discrimination against Indians in America regarding immigration has been expressed by the Baltimore "Sun".

The paper sees no reason why American immigration laws should continue to discriminate against Indians now that the Chinese have been given equal status.

## Assam Premier On Increased Population

DIBRUGARH, (Assam) Feb. 24.

"Due to the present state of affairs, the population of Assam has increased by 20 lakhs, of which a large number are soldiers. That also greatly accounts for the steep rise of prices", declared Sir Muhammad Saadulla, Premier and Provincial Leader, National War Front, presiding over a N.W.F., rally at Sibsagar recently.

Referring to slaughter of cows for the army, Sir Muhammad Saadulla said that the Government had adopted prohibitive measures against killing milch cows and bullocks. He urged the N.W.F. workers to ask people to refrain from helping cow-slaughter.—A. P.

## ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE"

Messrs. V. V. Nadkarny and A. N. Kothare write to us as follows:—

On reading your report regarding the results of the Preliminary Examinations in the St. Xavier's College, after inquiry from the Principal we learn that the following are the percentages of the students sent up for the various University Examinations:—

| Class | Sent up | Kept back | p. c. sent up |
|---|---|---|---|
| Inter Arts | 226 | 33 | 87 |
| B. A. | 169 | 3 | 98 |
| Total (Arts) | 395 | 36 | 92 |
| Inter Sc. | 205 | 80 | 72 |
| B. Sc. (Jr.) | 135 | 39 | 77 |
| B. Sc. (Sr.) | 133 | 8 | 94 |
| Total (Science) | 473 | 127 | 79 |

We have also learnt from the Principal that no reporter of your paper called on him then to verify the various statements made in your paper before their publication.

## MALAVIYA ON ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 24

Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya has issued the following statement to the press:

A press message from New Delhi to the effect that the idea of holding the All-Parties Conference has been virtually abandoned is without foundation. I have had discussions with a number of friends who came here at my request regarding the proposed All-Parties Conference. But many people have yet to be consulted, and other preliminary work has to be done before the Conference can meet. I have, therefore, postponed the dates of the Conference which it was originally announced will meet in the second week of March. The date and the place where the Conference will meet will be announced later on.—A.P.

## P. A. WADIA ON VICEROY'S SPEECH

Prof. P. A. Wadia, the President of the Freedom Group, has issued the following statement:

There were some people in India who laid great store by the Viceroy's address to the Legislatures. It is but natural that in a country under foreign subjection for nearly two centuries, such an element should be present, that would live on expectations of freedom being bestowed on the Motherland by the Foreign ruler than rely on its own efforts to achieve it. No wonder this element must be disappointed. A vast majority of the people however have come to regard this periodical exuberance with utter indifference.

When the Viceroy talks of there being no peace or prosperity for India or any one else, till the ambitions of Japan are utterly destroyed, he conveniently forgets the existence of older ambitions and imperialisms, which would have to disappear as completely as the new ones, if true peace and prosperity are to be the store for the millions of coloured peoples

The Viceroy's reference to the Cripps' proposals being still open, coming as it does from him must cause many Indians to smile, even in this hard time, in view of the part played by him therein as Commander-in-Chief. Is it not misleading the world as to the true reason of the failure of these proposals, which was the unwillingness on the part of Britain even in a crisis such as stared it in the face, to depart from Churchill's adage of "Meaning to hold our own?" The excuse of disunity as a cause for this failure is not borne out by facts.

As to the communal problem and the Viceroy's sermon to the Muslim League, it is well to remind him that the first seeds of disunity were sown at "a command performance" in 1909 and that high hopes of standing by them have always been held out by the third party to the different communities. The instance of other countries quoted by the Viceroy are quite relevant, but it is significant to note that in most of these cases, perfect understanding between the minorities was arrived at, after the interference of an obliging third party was removed.

As to the Viceroy's decision, regarding the accredited leaders of the country and of persisting in keeping them in complete isolation the country is not surprised at this. With the first flush of victory in North Africa, the world is aware how British colonial policy has begun to harden. The present is but a continuation of this ignoble chapter.

The climax may come after victory is won. One would like to re-emphasise the obvious fact that the independence of the subject peoples will be only as the result of their own strength.

The Viceroy had reason to refer to the eminent and patriotic Indians of his Executive Council. Hitler and Tojo are making similar reference to "eminent and patriotic" nationals in the countries under their subjection. But the peoples of these countries have a different name for this element in the body politic.

## HARD TASK FOR PUCKLE

(From A Special Correspondent.)

LONDON, Feb. 25.

*Reports from Washington say that British quarters there are concerned lest speeches in connection with the forthcoming presidential election campaign should include attacks on the British imperial policy particularly concerning India.*

*Sir Frederick Puckle, attached to the British Embassy in Washington, is supposed to explain the British political position concerning India.*

## Leaguer's Challenge To Geography Story

NAGPUR, Feb. 24.

Moulana Rauf Shah, President of the C. P. and Berar Provincial Muslim League says, "It is true that man cannot alter geography and it is also equally true that man can establish more than one independent political state in what is called a natural geographical unit as Iberian, Scandinavian, Balkan Peninsulas and the Island of Ireland could tolerate and accommodate more than one state and so also the sub-continent bounded by the Himalayas, Hindukush, Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal shall have to foster and make room for two independent sovereign states viz., Hindusthan and Pakistan if a nation of ten crores is determined and prepared for every sacrifice for the attainmnt of its cherished goal.

"No Viceregal pronouncement can put a stop to the onward march of the living Muslim nation".—O. P.

## NO GIFTS TO U.S.A.

CANBERRA, Feb. 25: Dr. Evatt, Minister for External Affairs, said in the House of Representatives that no Australian Government would for one moment entertain the proposal for handing New Britain to the United States after the war

Nor would any Australian Government favour the handing over of New Caledonia as had been suggested in an article in the "Melbourne Herald."—Reuter.

## King Visits Invasion Troops

LONDON, Feb. 25: British invasion troops waiting to open the second front have shown their paces to the King, who last night completed two-day visit to army units "somewhere in England". During his tour the King watched picked men practising beach assaults and night raids. At many points during the first day he stood with live shells whistling over his head.—Reuter.

# COMPULSORY PROVIDENT FUND FOR RAILWAYMEN

### *Assembly Demands Extension Of System To All Employees: Cut Motion Carried By Snap Vote*

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25.

*The Assembly passed by 43 votes to 42 Mr. N. M. Joshi's motion to reduce the demand under the head Railway Board by Rs. 100 with a view to demand the extension of the Compulsory Provident Fund for all Railway employees.*

### EUROPEAN BACK OUT

An interesting situation which caused great amusement arose in the Assembly over a European Group cut motion on the Railway Budget moved by Sir Frederick James, to discuss the general financial position of the Railways with special reference to post-war developments. When the motion was put to vote, the European Group evidently did not want a division but members of the Congress, Moslem League, Nationalist and Independent parties joined in pressing for it. When the House divided, European members abstained, while 17 members of the Opposition parties voted for the motion. Thirty-eight voted against, and the motion was rejected.

### RAILWAYS AFTER WAR

Sir Frederick James moving the cut said his intention was to take stock of the position as far as possible unaffected by the controversy over the proposal to increase fares. In the post-war years, Indian railways would be faced with a dwindling income, increased working expenses, high cost of materials, a drive for betterment of conditions of travel and the need for renewal of workshop plant, rolling stock and track. There would also arise the question of improvement of open lines and development of new lines. Estimating that the war would last for two more years, Sir Frederick said the railway resources at the end of this period, which would be about 150 crores of rupees, would not be enough. He thought the railways would need greater assistance from the general revenues.

### THE VITAL QUESTION

Mrs. Radhabai Subbaroyan said vital questions at present engaging the Indian people were how to live and how to secure political freedom. In relation to these two questions, all other questions paled into insignificance.

At a time when people were dying in lakhs due to starvation and preventible disease and when a powerful aggressor was at the country's door, the nation was not only deprived of the help and guidance of its trusted National Leaders, but it had to bear persecution. What had the Government done, she asked, to find out what the Indian people wanted in order to shape the future of their country, whether they wanted full freedom to build up a healthy nation, contented and happy at home, and respected and honoured abroad? These were questions which should engage the immediate attention of the Rulers rather than reserve funds, depreciation funds, post-war reconstruction, and glorious amenities for third class passengers in the dim and distant future. The country did want reconstruction, but not in the manner in which the present rulers would like to plan.

Mrs. Subbaroyan referred to the remarks made by the War Transport Member yesterday about the severity of the language used by the Opposition and said, "it is the intense anguish of our hearts and minds that finds some relief in expressing our feelings as strongly as possible. It is not because we want to be rude or unkind."

### SYMPATHIES FOR GANDHIJI

Mrs. Subbaroyan referred to the passing away of Mrs. Gandhi and said "our hearts were full of deep sympathies for her husband. It may be that that sad event may not mean much to the members of the Government, it may only mean one person less to bother about—but it means a great deal to us, and it was for that reason that I abstained from speaking yesterday. I think no language would be strong enough to express the pain and sorrow of our hearts and the resentment we feel at the Government's attitude."

### JAMNADAS' CHALLENGE

Sir Ziauddin Ahmed questioned the propriety of financing post-war reconstruction programmes out of general revenues in the case of Railways, while in every other department such schemes were to be financed by loans. While Sir F. E. James based his figures on the assumption that the war would last two more years, he would calculate that the war would last for five more years. He thought that the figures given by Sir Frederick were too low under Depreciation Fund, Reserves and Amenities Funds and on existing data, they could be expected to be more in the neighbourhood of 250 crores in two years.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta said that he supported the 'cut' motion but for reasons different from those of Sir F. E. James. The railway finance, according to him, was both sound and unsound—sound in that the railways were able to pay their own way and unsound because railways were made to pay for interests which were not railway interests. He threw out a challenge that if the railways were run by him, he could enable a passenger to travel two miles for one pie and at the same time pay more to the railway worker and give him compulsory provident fund.

Sir Edward Benthall in his reply, gave an outline of the programme of post-war reconstruction under the heads, rehabilitation, locomotive manufacture, improvements, staff welfare and amenities of travel and construction of new lines, and he estimated that the total expenditure under all these heads during seven years after war would amount to 319 crores.

He asked the mover to withdraw the cut.

But Sir Frederick did not agree to withdraw his cut motion.

The House rejected without a division Rao Bahadur Shivaraj's cut motion to discuss the "non-representation of the scheduled castes in the railway services."

Mr. Joshi, moving his cut, said that at present Railway employees who were drawing less than Rs. 20 per month were not admitted to the compulsory provident fund system with the result that out of a total of 700,000 Railway employees only less than 200,000 derived the benefit of the provident fund. After considerable agitation and representation, the Government had agreed in 1941 to give the option of joining the provident fund to employees getting between Rs. 15 and Rs. 20 per month who had put in more than fifteen years of service. In 1943 this period of service was reduced to ten years

### GOVT. OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED

Mr. Joshi said that if compulsion was thought necessary in the case of higher paid employees who were better able to put by some money, it was much more necessary in the case of the ignorant and illiterate lower paid workers who could not look after themselves. It might be argued that employees getting less than Rs. 15 could not afford to spare money to subscribe to the provident fund. The remedy for that was not to deny them opportunity to save some money but, to increase their wages. The Government ought to be ashamed, he said, to pay such wages to their employees that they could not subscribe to the provident fund.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta supporting the motion said that one argument that was advanced against extending the benefit of the provident fund to all was that such a step would cost the Railways Rs. 72 lakhs a year. But the Government thought nothing of incurring an expenditure of Rs. 37 lakhs annually in 1927 to give what were known as the Lee Concessions to a few hundreds of their employees. It took the Government nearly fourteen years even to agree to give the option to join the provident fund to people drawing less than Rs. 20 and this step meant only Rs. 7 lakhs a year. At this rate the House could see how long it would take the Government to accept the whole proposal.

Sardar Mangal Singh supporting the cut motion said that it was a non-political and non-controversial matter with which every one in the House would agree. He hoped that the War Transport Member would accept at least this motion and announce that the Government were willing to make the provident fund compulsory for all employees. But if he would not do so, he hoped that all members, even nominated members, would join to give a specific instruction to the Government on this matter.

### GOVT. ANSWER

Col. Wagstaff, answering for Government, pointed out that at the time when the question of extending the benefit of the provident fund was considered, Rs. 72 lakhs was regarded a considerable sum. To-day when people were talking in hundreds of crores, this might appear a paltry sum. But a time would again come when this sum would not appear so small. He said that the Government had twice liberalised their provident fund scheme, in 1941 and later in 1942. By the first advance, an additional 63,000 men were included in the benefit by giving them the option to join the fund and by the second advance, another 186,000 men had been benefited. He admitted that only 22,000 men would come in later. He also stated that he was in a position to say that the Government would make a further advance and reduce the period of service, but could not say at present what the reduction of the period would be. In view of this assurance he would ask the mover to withdraw the motion.

Mr. N. M. Joshi said that the reply given by Col. Wagstaff was not at all satisfactory and he did not agree to withdraw the motion.

On being pressed to a division, the motion was carried by 43 votes to 42.

Before the House adjourned till tomorrow, Mr. Jamnadas Mehta moved his cut motion to discuss the "meagre dearness allowance" given to railway workers.—A.P.

## PRIVY COUNCIL QUASHES SENTENCE

### Issue Of Harbouring Offender

MADRAS, Feb. 25.

Information has been received here that the appeal to the Privy Council preferred by Mr. Eswaramurthi Gounder, the leading cotton Merchant of Tirupur, against his conviction by Mr. Justice Horwill of the Madras High Court for an offence of harbouring an offender in a criminal case has been allowed by the Judicial Committees and the sentence of six months' imprisonment quashed.

The Madras Government, it may be recalled, preferred an appeal against the acquittal of Mr. Eswaramurthi Gounder by the Sessions Judge of Coimbatore and His Lordship on July 3 last allowed the appeal and convicted the respondent as stated above. Besides imprisonment, the respondent had also been sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 1,000.

### DETENUS RELEASED

Mr. Kallur Subba Rao, a detenu in the Amraoti Jail under the Defence of India Rules, has been ordered by Madras Government to be released on Medical grounds. Dr. Madhava Pai of Cananore, Messrs. C. C. Govi Kuttikrishnan Nair and P. Sakharan of Faroke who were detenus in the Tanjore Special Jail have also been released.—United Press.

### MADRAS M.L.C. FINED

SALEM, Feb. 25.

The Additional First Class Magistrate delivered judgment in the case against Mr. Sadogopa Mudaliar, a member of the Madras Legislative Council, and two others who were charged for alleged infringement of an order passed under Sec. 144 Cr. P. C. by the Sub-divisional Magistrate of Salem prohibiting the taking out of procession or holding public meetings, within the limits of the Salem town to celebrate the fast undertaken by Mahatma Gandhi last year.

The accused were sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 55.—United Press.

### SECURITY DEMAND ON DELHI WEEKLY

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25.

The local Government demanded a security of Rs. 1,000 each from the "Sachitra Durbar", a weekly newspaper, and the Press, for an article published in its issue of January 20 last.—United Press.

### STATE WORKER JAILED

(From A Correspondent.)

SIROHI, By Mail: Shri Devichand Jain of Sheoganj of Sirohi Rajya Prajamandal has been sentenced under D.I.R. 34 (J.J.) to one year's R.I. and a fine of Rs. 1,000 in default 3 months' further R.I. He is alleged to have misguided peasants and agitated against the present war. It may be recalled that in 1942 also he was sentenced to one year's R.I. and a fine of Rs. 100 for publishing a pamphlet about Cripps' proposals.

### RESTRICTIONS ON RELEASED A.I.C.C. MEMBER

(From A Correspondent.)

AJMER, (By Mail.)

Syt. Shobhalal Gupta, member A. I. C. C. was released to-day from Ajmer Central Jail after being kept in detention for a little over eighteen months. At the Jail gate he was served with a fresh order from the Chief Commissioner Ajmer Merwara under Sub-Sec. (D) and (F) of Section 3 of the Restriction and Detention Ordinance 1944 requiring him not to leave the municipal limits of Ajmer City without the written permission of the Superintendent of District Police and not to associate with a member of the Congress with the object of furthering the Congress movement or engage or take part in any activity intended or likely to assist the Congress movement directly or indirectly.

### GIRL STUDENTS ARRESTED AND RELEASED

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 24

About 16 girl students were arrested this noon by the police from the Municipal Girls' High School, while picketing was going on and were released after one hour from police custody.

The Chairman, School Board Committee, has asked for police help for the Municipal Girls' High School from to-morrow. Girls are on strike for the last six days on the issue of Miss Kapadia's dismissal as Lady Superintendent of School.

### DR. VAZE RELEASED

Jubbulpore, Feb. 24: Dr. Vaze from Nagpur was released this morning from the Jubbulpore Central Jail after undergoing a year's rigorous imprisonment.—United Press.

SENTENCED TO 6 MONTHS: Mansuklal Bhimji Hirane and Natwarlal Mojilal Dhosia who were arrested on January 26 for shouting national slogans were sentenced to undergo six months' rigorous imprisonment by Mr. I. S. Hajl, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagoan Court.

ARRESTED FOR DISTRIBUTING EATABLES: One Salebhai Akbarally was arrested on Thursday for distributing eatables to the public and was produced on Friday before Mr. G. S. Sabnis, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagoan Court. He was allowed bail.

### BHAKTI LAKSHMI DESAI

SURAT, Feb. 23.

Bhakti Lakshmi Desai, wife of Darbar Gopaldas, has been released unconditionally from the Sabarmati Jail.—A. P.

### RELEASED AND INTERNED

LAHORE, Feb. 24: Satya Narayan who had been detained under D. I. R. has been released and interned in Hissar. Mr. Satya Narayan was a number of the Radical Democratic Party.—O. P.

### DETENUS IN SIND

KARACHI, Feb. 25.

The number of Congressmen in Sind detained without trial under D I R totalled 50 on 31st August, 1943, said the Home Minister in reply to question in the Sind Assembly.

About 750 Hurs were similarly detained under the same rules on the same date

Student detenus totalled six. These would be released as soon as the authorities were satisfied that they would behave themselves in future.—A. P.

### CASE AGAINST GULWADI

(From A Correspondent).

KARWAR, Feb. 24.

The case against Mr. Shankarao Gulwadi prominent Congressman of Kanara, was fixed today before the sessions judge who adjourned it to 27th March to enable the parties to take necessary action in view of the latest High Court judgment. He is prosecuted for failure to appear after proclamation of District Magistrate under D I R 26 (B), Father Laab, an Englishman and missionary of Christ Seva Sangh, Poona, figures as a defence witness and attended court today.

### DESHPANDE ON PAROLE

POONA, Feb. 25.—Mr. G A. Deshpande, Secretary of the Maharashtra Congress Committee and member of the A.I.C.C. was released to-day on parole for two months on grounds of health.—A.P.

## ECHO OF PARDIWALLA'S ARREST IN COMMONS

LONDON, Feb. 24.

Mr. Butler said in Commons that he would telegraph for fuller information about the point raised by Mr. Sorensen, who asked what action it was proposed to take to prevent Executive officials in India from interfering with the course of justice by destroying petitions of 'habeas corpus' submitted from prison, as in the instance of the Bombay Barrister Pardiwalla, and by arresting in the precincts of the Court lawyers engaged for defence in political cases.

Mr. Butler said: "I have seen Press reports of the matters referred to and I am unable to comment in the absence of fuller information for which I have telegraphed and upon its receipt I will communicate further with Mr. Sorensen".—Reuter.

## Offence Of Attending A.I.C.C.!

KARACHI, Feb. 24.

It is understood that in pursuance of the restriction and detention order under which all detenus have to be informed of the grounds for their detention, all political prisoners in Karachi have been presented with their "charge sheet" and given an opportunity to make representations against their detention, if they so wish.

It is stated that one prisoner has been told that he was "a secret Congress worker," and another that he handled Rs. 20,000 belonging to Congress funds. Other charges are said to include:—"attending the A I C C meeting," "incitement of labour to strike", "incitement of Muslims", "being members of Forward Bloc" and "engaging in revolutionary activities"

The detenus have to send their reply, if any, within a fortnight.—A P.

## Assembly Interpellations

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25.

Sir J P Srivastava, Food Member, stated in the Central Assembly today during question hour that the total quantity of 'Aus' crop purchased in Bengal was about 12 lakhs maunds of paddy. It was not in public interest to disclose the purchase figure of 'aman' crop.

The Commerce Member stated that the Government had decided to grant permission to re-start the "Riyasat," an Urdu weekly of Delhi.

Dr N B Khare, Member for Indians Overseas, stated that only one case of the prosecution of an Indian resident in the United Kingdom under the National Service Act for refusing the call-up papers, had come to the notice of the Government; but the Government had not made any representation to His Majesty's Government for exemption of Indians from the application of the Act.

The Indian Overseas Member Dr N B Khare informed Mr Neogy that he had not received a report, of the Conference called by the Government of Burma in Simla.

Q. Does the Hon Member expect to get any report of the proceedings, formally or informally?

Dr Khare: Formally, I do not expect

Q. When does the Government of India come into the picture at all? Dr Khare: at the proper stage (laughter.)

Dr Khare stated in reply to Mr K S Gupta that the Government of India would do all they could to ensure that Indian interests received due consideration in the post-war settlement of Burma.

Sir Frederick James asked if in view of the increasing importance of these matters, the Government of India would consider the advisability of reappointing a representative accredited to the Burma Government. Dr Khare replied in the affirmative.

Is it a fact that importers of certain classes of consumers goods such as whisky, razor blade and bicycle etc., from the U K are simply to apply for and are granted import licences on the basis of bills of lading and other shipping documents at the importing centres in India, was a question in the name Mr Ramratan Gupta.

Sir Azizul Haque replied: A sudden improvement recently occurred in the shipping situation, and the Government of India accordingly made arrangements to increase the scale on which import licences are issued.

Mr Krishnamachari: May I know whether importation of whisky is an anti-inflationary measure: (laughter) The Finance Member. Yes, it is (more laughter).—U P & A P.

## TETE-A-TETE

### WITHOUT COMMENT—

**Mr. Abdul Qaiyum (Congress) declared that the debate had shown how utterly out of date the expanded Executive Council was; if that Council could claim to represent any constituency it was the constituency of the European bloc.**

**He did not know how many Indians, even an Indian in the expanded Executive Council, could be a party to the iniquitous impost. (A Voice: Were they consulted?) If they were not consulted that made matters all the worse.**

—Assembly Proceedings.

* * *

In our opinion there was quite an unnecessary pother in the Assembly about the transfer of the control of certain railway lines to the American authorities.

We reliably learn that there is no proposal *so far* to transfer India in whole or in part to the Americans—or to Indians, for that matter!

* * *

President Roosevelt's tax veto has been overridden by the House of Representatives.

The American President should learn a thing or two from the Viceroy in India.

* * *

"Never explain. Your friends don't need it; your enemies do not believe it," was the text of a circular once issued by Sir Edward Benthall. That was recalled in the Assembly. Mr. B. Das was surprised that Sir Edward should have disregarded his own dictum and explained the increase of railway fares at such length.

Sir Edward, perhaps, has found a new and more useful dictum: "Explain anything in any way you like. Your enemies, of course, won't believe you. But your friends will certify the Budget."

* * *

### TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

#### Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague

(1) *The British Government will refuse to allow America to send relief to India, as this country—for good or for evil—is Britain's sole responsibility.*

(2) *The British Government, in defence of its refusal, will bluntly state that it fears that relief ships might be followed by ships carrying merchandise from American factories.*

(3) *The Viceroy will certify the Railway Budget that was thrown out by the Assembly—to vindicate Democracy!*

(4) *But the Executive Councillors —sworn democrats all—will resign 'en bloc' as a result of the Government defeat.*

(5) *The optimistic prophets, oracles and special correspondents who had been forecasting an end of the deadlock are blaming the Viceroy for letting them down so badly.*

## SIND GOVT.'S CHARGES AGAINST DETENUS

KARACHI, Feb. 24.

It is understood that in pursuance of the restriction and detention order under which all detenus have to be informed of the grounds for their detention, all political prisoners in Karachi have been presented with their "charge sheet" and given an opportunity to make representations against their detention if they so wish.

*It is stated that one prisoner has been told that he was "a secret Congress worker", and another that he handled Rs. 20,000 belonging to Congress funds. Other charges are said to include: "Attending the A. I. C. C. meeting", "incitement of labour to strike", "incitement of Muslims", "being members of Forward Bloc" and "engaging in revolutionary activities."*

The detenus have to send their reply, if any, within a fortnight.—A. P.

# PAPER PRICES

## GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED QUALITIES

The following are the maximum selling prices (ex Distributors' Godowns) for Titaghur paper, as per BOMBAY Government Notification No. 37/2 dated 31st December, 1942:-

| Quality | Size | Weight | Maximum retail price per ream. Rs. As. P. | Maximum retail price per quire Rs. As. P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cream Laid | 13¼ x 16½ | 10 lbs. | 5 7 6 | 0 4 9 |
| Cream Laid | 17 x 27 | 20 ,, | 10 15 0 | 0 9 6 |
| White Printing | 18 x 2 | 16 ,, | 8 12 0 | 0 7 6 |
| White Printing | 17 x 27 | 18 ,, | 9 13 6 | 0 8 6 |
| White Printing | 20 x 30 | 28 ,, | 15 5 0 | 0 13 3 |
| Cream Wove | 20 x 26 | 22 ,, | 12 0 6 | 0 10 6 |
| | | | per gross | |
| White Pulp Board | 22 x 28 | 32 ,, | 17 8 0 | |
| White Pulp Board | 22 x 28 | 34 ,, | 18 9 6 | |
| Coloured Pulp Board (Blue & Pink) | 22 x 28 | 32 ,, | 19 8 0 | |

*Issued by*

**THE TITAGHUR PAPER MILLS CO., LTD.**

*THE MILLS THAT ADVERTISE THEIR PRICES.*

T.P. 3506


THE TRADERS' BANK LIMITED

*Unrivalled Facilities*

THE TRADERS' BANK with a net-work of branches all over Northern India and the Punjab and a record of 10 years useful service to its constituents now offers you highly specialised banking service through its Bombay Branch recently opened. Investigate details.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Authorised Capital | ... | Rs. 25,00,000 |
| Issued & Subscribed | | Rs. 10,00,000 |
| Paid-up Capital | ... | Rs. 5,20,000 |
| Reserve Fund | ... | Rs. 2,03,000 |

THE TRADERS' BANK LTD.

(Scheduled under the Reserve Bank of India Act—Sch. II)

Estd: 1933 Head Office: LAHORE

Bombay Branch:—62/66 Medows Street, Fort, Bombay.

Manager, Bombay Branch: S. P. CHANDAVARKAR.

★

Agra, Amritsar, Bombay, Delhi, Gujranwala, Hissar, Jammu, Jullundur, Jhelum, Karachi, Krishen Nagar (Lahore), Ludhiana, New Delhi, Rawalpindi, Sialkot, and Srinagar (Kashmir).

TB. 5.

GANDHI ASTROLOGER

on family love profession, etc Lucky numbers days by Monthly details 1 year Rs 3 Weekly Rs 10 Five Answers Re 1 V P As to State sex age and writing time Hanuman Jothisha Ashramam, Tiruttani S India

HYDROCIL

Elephantiasis, Hernia, Orchitis Filaria, treated radically External application removes aching stiffness and swelling at once No operation Many sufferers benefited Provakar Oil Rs 5 KAVIRAJ R. SHASTRI, B.A., Kancharapara Bengal.

PILES

CURE GUARANTEED

Without Operation within 8 days. 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

RECTAL CLINIC,

Jawhar Mansion, Thakurdwar, Bombay 4.

WOMEN

Your personal health problems solved by qualified persons without any cost or obligation. Write just now to:—

Private Consultation Department, A—20 P. O. Box 169, Fort, Bombay

GET RID OF YOUR PILES

*Be fit again by using*

HAEMOVIN

THE BRITISH SUBSTITUTE FOR HADENSA

*Ask your Chemist or Phone 22904*

P. N. Thapar, Controller of Film Publicity (Centre) Ezra Mir, (right) Production Chief of Information Films of India and Mr. W. J. Moylan (left) in charge of News Parade, Government of India's Film Production Units.

# "DOST" RELEASED AT IMPERIAL

## Silver Jubilee Of "Shakuntala"

By T. V. P.

Altogether beyond my expectation was 'Dost' released at Imperial yesterday. Its theme is friendly loyalty and the farthest extent to which it can go. The usual boy-girl business is altogether subdued and yet it has the power to keep the interest of the audience in tact, chiefly because of the moving dramatic element in the picture. Navin Pictures have reason to be proud of their first production based on the story of Fayaz Ali Khan. Shaukat Hussain has directed this film

The story begins in the terrifying atmosphere created by the plague epidemic in a certain town where Motilal is introduced as a philanthropic doctor intent on helping a friend and his sister. He learns his friend has already fallen a victim to the epidemic and his sister would have done likewise but for the timely succour brought by Motilal as Dr. Mohan. The responsibility of attending to her falls on him. But this girl, Sheela played by Noorjehan has a greedy and vicious uncle, who wants to deprive her property by letting her die of plague. This man, Lobhichand, played Kanayalal is the unrepetent villain of the piece.

I have no space to-day to deal in a better way with this fascinating picture and for the moment I shall content myself with stating that Motilal whose quality of friendly loyalty is established in the opening scene is preserved till the last by his similar loyalty to another friend called Mumtaz, played by S. Rizvi, who in his turn sacrifices his life for Dr. Mohan by giving his own life in a scene which is the climax of the picture—most impressively developed.

Besides Motilal and Noorjehan, there are Kanayalal who is already mentioned, Maya Banerji, Husn Banu and Vatsala Kumthekar. All this star talent has been adequately employed. Noorjehan's songs will prove a great attraction, apart from the thematic beauty of the film.

### 'BADALTI DUNIA' TO-DAY

*Murari Pictures' 'Badalti Dunia' will be released to-day at West End. It has for its star Mumtaz Shanti, who is quite well-known to film fans through her many appealing roles in a number of pictures. Her songs and dances have been prominence to, in this picture and that must prove quite inviting.*

Among the recent releases 'Naya Tarana' at Central is growing more and more popular every week. So is 'Shankar-Parvati' at Opera House. 'Salma' is proving quite attractive at Novelty talkies because of its unusual story and other cinematic values. "Hamari Baat" has now been transferred to Majestic Cinema from Imperial and its new abode may well be expected to be found even more congenial than the Imperial Cinema. 'Bhaktaraj' at Lamington is creating new history and for that Dixit's powerful acting is held chiefly responsible. 'Angoothi' released at Kamal and Capitol has Ashok Kumar and Chandraprabha for stars and their names in themselves mean much. 'Ramrajya's' crowds are unabated and 'Taqdeer' appears to be going the way of 'Najma' at Roxy. 'Wapas' at Krishna is prospering on the strength of its music and 'Kanoon' too at Minerva.

### "SHAKUNTALA" IN ITS 25TH WEEK

This week marks the Silver Jubilee week of 'Shakuntala' which has proved to be an outstanding box-office hit of all times in the annals of Indian films.

About a decade ago it was Shantaram who started the vogue of Jubilees with 'Amrit Manthan' which ran for 29 weeks. Though Shantaram has many Silver Jubilees to his credit, 'Shakuntala' has smashed all past collection records not only in Bombay but at Lahore, Madras, Calcutta, Karachi, Delhi, Poona and wherever the picture has been released with the result that it is heading for the top honours in the array of box-office hits.

## Committed To Sessions On Murder Charge

Two army deserters Ernest Layton and James T. May were committed to stand their trial on a charge of murder by the Chief Presidency Magistrate at the next Criminal Sessions of the Bombay High Court.

The prosecution case was that on the night of Aug. 27 last they were in need of money and decided to rob and murder a taxi driver.

The mystery of the murder was unravelled after elaborate investigations by Inspector Quilter of the Bombay C.I.D.

### ALL-INDIA KISAN SABHA

The 8th Annual Session of the All-India Kisan Mahasabha will be held at Bezwada (Andhra) on March 14, 15.—1944. Along with the Session, the following exhibitions etc., are being organised:—All-India Cattle Show and competition, Agricultural Exhibition, Kisan Art Exhibition, Exhibition of the Friends of the Soviet Union, Bombay, Bengal Famine posters exhibition and Cultural shows and folk-songs.

MADRAS, Feb. 25: The All-India States Hindu Maha Sabha Conference will be held at Shimoga on April 8, 9 and 10. Mr. Khaparde of Nagpur will preside.—U. P.

# Mrs. HANSA MEHTA

## to felicitate "HAMARI BAAT" at MATINEE SHOW TO-DAY AT MAJESTIC

Mrs. Hansa Mehta would be attending the Majestic Cinema, to-day, at 1-30 Matinee Show to felicitate 'Hamari Baat' on its run at this old favourite theatre of the Bombay Talkies. Her presence would lend grace to the occasion and would be a great inspiration to all those people who have tried to make 'Hamari Baat' a medium of beautiful entertainment as well as of homely instruction centering on the theme of the passing away of the old order. Mrs. Mehta herself is sympathetic and responsive to every new current of thought. She has kindly consented to speak on the occasion and we understand her main point would be to persuade the intellectual people to take more interest in the Indian Screen.

# The Half-Column

By "Dim"

Lady Colville opened the Merrie Town Fete yesterday and the atmosphere in the early part of the evening was extremely enjoyable and friendly. One wandered round the stalls and chatted and dipped one's hand in one's pocket without grudging—so charming was the courtesy everywhere. I liked the Polish Ladies Bar, the Smoker's Den, the Theatre, and the Gifts Stall (particularly!). I didn't quite understand the humour of the large poster in the Club House. However, the Fete would have been more enjoyable during the latter part of the evening had there been more adequate Military and Naval Police Personnel to give the visitors to the fete a greater sense of security. The attention of the authorities is drawn to this and it is hoped that M.P.'s will be provided in LARGER numbers, who would stay on till the fete is closed. This is asked for in public interest as both the Fete and the Cause (the Red Cross) are otherwise likely to suffer.

* * *

At the TATA stall I noticed Soap and eau de cologne and labels for air travel. But what about putting on view a few copies of the 15 year plan, Mr. Tata? (Idea fee to be sent direct to the Half Column and to be deducted from Tata's Publicity Department Officials' salary, who should have thought of this before).

* * *

It is understood from rumours emanating in Bruce Street that Marshal Stalin has extended an invitation to the originators of the 15 Year Plan to fly to Moscow and discuss it with the Soviet Economic Planning Commissar. The local planners, however, declined the Red Chief's offer as only 33 lbs of baggage is allowed on air travel on the Tata lines and the plan alone weighed more than that. Negotiations are, however, proceeding to get a Flying Fortress on lend-lease from the U. S. The Government of India are, AS USUAL, giving every assistance.

## MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Feb. 25.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days at 1/6 9/32 1 and 2 months, 1/6 5/16 3 and 4 months.

B. C. RATES: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16, Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32, Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 5/32.

LONDON-NEW YORK: Banks selling T T Rs 332-3/4 D D Rs 332-3/4, Banks buying T T Rs 329-1/2 D D Rs 326-1/2.

LONDON-MONTREAL: Banks selling T T Rs 302-1/2 D D Rs 302-1/2, Banks buying T T Rs 297-3/4 D D Rs 294-3/4.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady, dull.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent, Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money:—Call, one and two months 1/4 per cent, 3 to 5 months 1/2 per cent, 6 to 9 months 3/4 per cent, 10 to 11 months 1 per cent, and 12 months 1-1/4 per cent.

Tone:—Easy.

U. S. COTTON CONSUMPTION

The Cotton Exchange Service estimates the stock of all cotton in the United States on January 31 at 16,085,000 bales against last year 16,800,000, and reckons the total consumption of U. S. cotton for the first half of the season at 5,791,000, and forecasts the carryover at 10,600,000 against 10,569,000 bales.

POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS

Statement of the position of scheduled Banks as at the close of business on the 18th February.

| | |
|---|---|
| Demand Liabilities in India | 514,78,04,000 |
| Time Liabilities in India | 169,28,74,000 |
| Cash in India: | |
| (i) Currency Notes of the Government of India and Bank notes | 32,13,43,000 |
| (ii) Rupee Coin | 1,83,57,000 |
| (iii) Subsidiary Coin | 39,86,000 |
| Balances with Reserve Bank | 58,98,95,000 |
| Advances in India | 190,48,36,000 |
| Bills discounted in India | 8,33,58,000 |

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURN

London, Feb. 24.

Total Bullion £1,121,000, Public Deposit £8,900,000 (A. Other Deposits £254,000,000, Government Securities £240,400,000 (B) Other Securities £14,800,000, Notes, Gold and Silver Coin £23,700,000, Notes in Circulation £1,077,500,000, Ratio of Reserve to Liabilities £8.98 per cent, (A) Other Deposits Include Bankers £20[illegible],000,000, (B) Other Securities Include Discounts and Advances £2,100,000, Total Deposits £262,900,000 Total Securities £255,200,0000.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Feb. 24.

March 20.84+04, May 20.45+07, July 19.92+06, October 19.42+05, December 19.24+05, January 19.17+05, March highest 20.85+05 (2-44 p.m.), lowest 20.75—05 (12 noon) Middling Spot 21.53+07.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

March 20.96+04, May 20.59+06, July 20.07+03, Middling Spot 20.60.

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL

March 20.77 May 20.34, July 19.81.

LONDON SILVER

London, Feb. 24.

Spot 23-1/2, Forward 23-1/2.

LONDON GOLD

London, Feb. 24

London Gold Fine per oz £8-8-0.

LONDON WHEAT

London, Feb. 24.

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe (New Crop) 32/6 March-April quoted, Wheat Australian (Bulk) 34 February-March quoted, Wheat Australian (Bags) 37 February-March quoted.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Feb. 24.

Rupee Paper 3-1/2 per cent £71-7/8, Consols 2-1/2 per cent £79-7/16, Conversion Loan 3-1/2 per cent 1961 £103-13/16 ex-div. Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90 £113-13/16, Victory Bonds 4 per cent £111-13/16, Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China £10, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London Reg.) £75, National Bank of India £37.


*Now in its 48th Year*

48 YEARS OF CONTINUED PROGRESS

NOW IN OUR 48th YEAR

A milestone at which we are grateful for the steadfast confidence and goodwill that mark day by day relations between policyholders, Field force and Head Office Staff.

An anniversary in which we are striving to be worthy of continued leadership as one of India's oldest and strongest life insurance companies.

the BHARAT INSURANCE CO. LTD.—LAHORE

CLAIMS PAID EXCEED 2 CRORES 60 LAKHS

For Agency please write to any of the following Branches:—
BOMBAY, POONA, SURAT, AHMEDABAD.

STAMPING PASTE

Ready-to-use, in Red, Blue and Green—for hand-stamping or machine-stamping the face-plaits of textiles. The colours are sufficiently fast to light to preserve their brilliance in dealers' shops, but will readily wash out of the cloth when it is sold.

DCM CHEMICALS

D.C.M. CHEMICAL WORKS, DELHI
DAURALA CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES
DAURALA (U.P.)

Write for details and prices to Delhi Cloth & General Mills Co., Ltd., Delhi.

DCM. 7.

*What MALARIA costs India!*

| | |
|---|---|
| LIVES LOST | 15 LAKHS |
| CASES OF MALARIA | 10 CRORES |
| LOSS OF INCOME | Rs 35 CRORES |
| FUNERAL EXPENSES | Rs 1 CRORE |
| WORKING DAYS LOST | Rs 12 CRORES |
| POST-MALARIAL INEFFICIENCY | Rs 29 CRORES |

As given above, the yearly loss caused by malaria in British India alone is colossal. The prevalence of malaria has also a disastrous effect on the development of India's natural resources, her industries, agriculture, railways and mining. Apart from the economic loss, malaria greatly hinders the intellectual, social and national development of any people afflicted by it. How can this state of affairs be remedied? It must first be clearly recognised that tropical malaria as it prevails in India is largely quinine-resistant—quinine alone is not enough to combat it. It calls for a remedy containing, in addition to quinine, ingredients that prepare the system of the patient in such a way that quinine can perform effectively its malaria destroying function. Such a remedy is Pyrotone—evolved after years of research as the answer to India's malaria problem. Doctors are requested to send for Clinical Reports.

PUNISH MALARIA WITH

PYROTONE

A NATIONAL DRUG PRODUCT.

Sole Agents: SAVILES LTD., 8/2, Hastings St., Calcutta; Dubash Market Sk. Memon St., Bombay 2; 10, Mount Road, Madras, 23, Birhana Road, Cawnpore.

MD 33


MUTT AND JEFF—These Rogues' Gallery Photos Never Are Very Flattering, Anyway — By BUD FISHER

I WANT TO CASH THIS ONE-HUNDRED-DOLLAR CHECK!
BUT I DON'T KNOW YOU, SIR!
PAYING TELLER
I'M MR. MORGAN! THERE'S MY NAME ON THE CHECK!
YES, BUT HOW DO I KNOW MR. MORGAN IS YOU?
PAYING TELLER
WELL, HERE'S A "PITURE" OF ME! THAT'S ME!
PAYING
YEH, IT IS, ALL RIGHT!
PAYING TELLER
TANKS, PAL!
YOU'RE WELCOME, MR. MORGAN!
PAYING TELLER

Digitized with financial assistance from the Government of Maharashtra on 18 April, 2017

## OUR TABULATED ADLETS

**2 ANNAS PER WORD**
**MINIMUM RS. 1|8|-**
To be paid in advance.

**20. MATRIMONIAL**

**Introductions for friendship, matrimony,** trade, other 431 hobbies arranged by Globe Introduction League, Chhili-lent, Agra. Estd. 1935. Members 13755 (Both) Founder Mrs. Shaabdane. (4159)

**Wanted educated virgins or widows** below 34 any caste for two non-Brahmin bachelors. Write to Box No. 4147, "Bombay Chronicle."

**A Muslim Landlord, highly educated** with a high status in life wants to marry a young girl well educated, of any nationality. Photograph may be sent with the letter. Apply Box No. 4170, "Bombay Chronicle."

**SOCIAL**

**Friendless? We intr duce ladies,** gentlemen, pen personal friends. (Ladies enrolled free). Particulars from: Aesthetic Society, Post Box 5531, Bombay 14. (4158)

**42. SITUATIONS VACANT**

**Wanted a capable Draughtsman** knowing Survey Work and drawings from data, etc. Apply Box No. 4165, "Bombay Chronicle."

**Wanted Salesmen** conversant with Surgical Laboratory Goods. Good prospects for really capable men. Apply in own handwriting, stating experience and lowest salary to Box No. 4126, "Bombay Chronicle."

**Wanted: An Accountant or experienced** Accounts Clerk. Starting salary Rs. 60|- and Rs. 10|- dearness allowance. Apply Box No. 4167, 'Bombay Chronicle."

**Required a qualified Sanitary Engineer** to supervise repairs and renovations of sanitary works and buildings. Whole time job. Salary Rs. 90-5-105 per month. Apply Mahomedbhoy J. M. Rowjee, 50-52 Hughes Road, Bombay 7. (4184)

**Wanted Proof Readers and Copy-holders** those who have good experience of a daily newspaper need only apply to the Manager, "Bombay Chronicle" between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

**Wanted—A Shorthand Typist for** an attorney's Office in Bombay. Those having good experience in the line need only apply with copy testimonials to Box 4187 "Bombay Chronicle."

**Wanted Compositors, experienced** in newspaper line. Apply with testimonials to the Manager, "Bombay Chronicle" between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

**Wanted—Mechanic for repair of** Aircraft Instruments. Only those who have been actually responsible for repairs of scientific instruments for at least three years need apply. Write stating qualifications, experience, age and minimum salary required to the Works Manager, Tata Air Lines, Juhu. 7929

**Wanted a Teacher for a recognised** Bombay Jain High School. Apply Box No. 4168, "Bombay Chronicle."

**Wanted a Billet by a young man.** Real Live wire with experience in Hotels, Cafes, Sales and Auctioneering. Write Box No. 4165, "Bombay Chronicle."

**Expert Watch Repairers Wanted** immediately. Salary according to qualifications. Apply Wilson Watch Co., Hornby Road, Bombay. 4171

**Wanted for a local Mill Asst. Engineer,** with degree or diplomas in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering together with at least five years practical experience in a mill or workshop. Apply to Box No. 7909, "Bombay Chronicle."

**Wanted for a local Mill Clerks,** educated upto Matriculation Standard. Apply to Box No. 7910, "Bombay Chronicle."

**Wanted L.C.P.S. Medical Man as** Assistant Superintendent. Seth V K. Natha Sanatorium at Cutch Bharapur. Apply stating terms and testimonials to Dr. Jadavji Hansraj, 20, New Queen's Road, Bombay 4. 4150

**Wanted a Head Mistress knowing** Gujarati with high academic qualifications for the Sarvajanik High School for Girls, Surat in the scale of 150-10-250. Apply before 20th March, 1944, stating age, qualifications, teaching and administrative experience and minimum salary expected to the Secretary, Sarvajanik Education Society, Surat. (7793)

**63. FLATS TO LET**

**To Let two rooms off Churchgate** Street. See Bharat House Agency, Tamarind Lane. (4200)

**65. ACCOMMODATION WANTED**

**Wanted immediately a godown** with an area of 2000 sq. ft. near Princess St. Crawford market or Fort area. Apply immediately with particulars to Box No. 4195, "Bombay Chronicle."

**142. EDUCATIONAL ADLETS**

**Alexandra Commercial College.** Specialised Professional Diploma Courses of Incorporated Secretaries, Public Accountants, Bank Officers, Stenographers. Also courses for non-matriculates and in Single-Subjects. Terms Moderate. Prospect Chambers, Hornby Road. (4189)

**Become Accountants, Stenographers,** Secretaries, Insurance Officer, Auditor by post. D.Com. courses. Recognised Diplomas. Details: American Correspondence College, Delhi. (4022B)

**BOOKS & MAGAZINES**

**Matriculation Examination 1944.** Free booklet of helpful Hints. Mathai's Publications. Blavatsky Lodge Bldg., French Bridge, Bombay. 4180

**347 LOANS & MORTGAGES**

**We finance loans to Gazetted Officers** on easy terms. Please enquire: Messrs. V. Kumar & Co., Financiers, Post Box No. 11, Poona Cantonment. 3999

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.**

WANTED: TEMPORARY OVERSEERS, B.Es. (Civil) and D.C.Es.; Draftsmen; Assistant Draftsmen; Tracers; Clerks; Stenographers; and Typists; for the Post-War Reconstruction Project Circle of the Bombay Public Works Department. Applications stating age, educational qualifications, community, experience and the minimum salary expected, with COPIES of certificates, should be addressed to the undersigned to reach him by the 2nd March 1944. Candidates should be natives of the Bombay Province.

(Sd.) T. C. KANTAVALA,
Executive Engineer,
Project Division, Roads, North,
Post-War Reconstruction Schemes.

Public Works Department,
Secretariat, Fort,
Bombay.
23rd February, 1944.
(7922)

**WANTED**

A qualified DRAUGHTSMAN as a temporary measure for the duration of the War in the Scale of Rs. 60-2-80-3-125 per mensem plus dearness allowance permissible. Apply with testimonials to the Chief Superintendent, R.I.N. Office, Vithal House, Fort, Bombay.

(Sd.) W. J. G. HUGHES,
Lieutenant (N.) R.I.N.
(7861)

**BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.**

PUBLIC NOTICE.

"HOLI" FESTIVAL.

THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY WARNED that no holes should be dug up in any street in connection with the 'Holi' festival, without the written permission of the undersigned, as provided in Section 322 of The City of Bombay Municipal Act.

No holes will be allowed in streets traversed by tramways or treated with a permanent mode of construction such as sheet asphalt or sett-stones or concrete. Permission for digging holes in water-bound roads or roads surface dressed with bitumen, tar macadam, etc., will be granted, free of charge, for a period not exceeding seven days (i.e. for the full moon day and the following six days) on application to the City Engineer not later than 6th March, 1944, on receipt of an undertaking that the holes so made will be filled in immediately after the festival and reinstated to their orignal condition to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.

M. D. BHAT,
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay.
Municipal Offices,
Bombay 21st February, 1944.
(7944)

**303. MACHINERY WANTED**

**Wanted 100 KW. and 250 KW. A.C.** Generating Sets, 400|440 volts, 3 phase, 50 cycles direct coupled to steam engine, preferably of Bellis Morcom type, complete with Exciter, Switch Board, etc. in good condition. Communicate full details regarding make, year of make present condition, price, place of inspection etc. to Box No. 4198 'Bombay Chronicle".

**Wanted:—A Mechanical equipment,** complete or in parts for a Soap Factory to manufacture laundry and milled toilet Soaps. Full particulars about the capacity and the makers of individual machine be furnished to Tirath Ram Ishwar Dass Ltd; Sargodha. (4192)

**Wanted Air-Compressor, capacity** 200 Cft. per minute and 40 lbs. pressure per sq. inch, complete with Receiver, Suitable Electric Motor and Starter, to work on 400 volts A.C. 3 phase, 50 cycles. Write with full particulars stating make, year of manufacture, present condition, lowest price, place of inspection etc. to Box No. 4197 "Bombay Chronicle."

**322. MACHINERY FOR SALE**

**For Sale—Spinning Machinery in** excellent working condition consisting of about:—a line of Blow Room, 10 Cards, 40 Ring Frames (2|3rd Warp, 1|3rd Weft) and Original Doubler together with Drum Winding Machine. Apply to: Somchand Shankerlal Mehta, Katcheri Ghat, Agra. (7943)

**Sale: Rajas Darning Machine.** Repairs holes in any Woollen Article with wonderful speed and neatness. Simple to use. Price Rs 18|- Order with 50 p.c. advance. British Motor & Cycle Mart, Ambala. (4124)

**327 AGENTS WANTED**

**Wanted Agents and Stockists at** Bombay and other places. Liberal terms. Samples against Rs. 15|- (in advance). The Modern Biscuits Co., Ramdas Street, Kharadar, Karachi. 4169

**AGENCIES WANTED**

**A well established firm in Bom**bay having branches and depots at important places in India with an uptodate all-India sales organisation desires agencies of Indian and foreign products. Bank references will be furnished upon application. Write to G. P. O. Box No. 463, Bombay. (4125)

**632. MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE**

**For Sale:—Small Tea Estate, to**gether with two furnished bungalows all within the residential area of a Popular Hill Station in the Nilgiris. Apply Box 4173, "Bombay Chronicle."

**Sawdust "Sigdi", cheap, expense**less. Ranchoddas Building, Nowrojee Vakil Street, Sleater Rd., (Grant Road). (4146)

**Well Established first class Book**shop for immediate Sale. Rare opportunity. Apply, Advertiser, Cumballa Hill, Post. (4145)

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

AN ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING of the Corporation will be held in the Municipal Office on Monday, the 6th March 1944, at 2 p. m. (Bombay Time), for the consideration of the following business:—

1. (a) Letter from the Municipal Secretary—Reporting the names of Councillors who retire from the Standing Committee; and (b) Election of eight members of the Committee.

2. (a) Letter from the Municipal Secretary—Reporting the names of Councillors who retire from the Improvements Committee; and (b) Election of eight members of the Committee.

(3) (a) Letter from the Secretary, Schools Committee—Reporting the names of six Councillor Members and two Non-Councillor members of the Committee, who retire from the Committee (b) Election of six Councillor members; and (c) Election of two Non-Councillor members of the Committee.

4. (a) Letter from the President, Acworth Leper Home—Requesting the Corporation to elect five members of the Managing Board of the Home for the year 1944-45; and (b) Election of five members on the Board.

5. Interpellations.

6-8. Letters from the authorities of the (6) Gadge Maharaj Anath Ashram; (7) Nagpada Neighbourhood House; and (8) Anjuman-i-Nizamul Muslimeen, Bombay—Applying for grants-in-aid of their respective institutions for the year 1944-45.

9. Letter from the Honorary Secretary, Young Muslim Patel Association—Regarding the present arrangements for interviewing candidates for posts of teachers under the Schools Committee, etc.

10. Letter from Dr. M. U. Mascarenhas, Chairman, 'E' Ward Local Committee—Forwarding copy of a Resolution passed at a meeting of the Committee, regarding re-instatement of a teacher in a Municipal School, etc.

11. Letter from Messrs. Malvi Ranchoddas and Co., Solicitors, on behalf of their clients, The Marwadi Sammelan of Bombay—Regarding a notice to vacate their clients' premises at Fanaswadi used for the Marwadi Municipal Marathi Girls School.

12. Letter from Dr. K. K. Dadachanji, President, Bombay Medical Association—Applying for a grant towards the capital and the recurring expenditure of the proposed college of Pharmacy.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE—

13. Regarding the Municipal Chief Auditors' objection relating to the expenditure incurred by the Schools Committee in contravention of the Counsel's opinion which has been accepted by the Corporation.

14. Regarding the Municipal Chief Auditor's objection to the payment of rent by the Schools Committee in respect of certain premises, etc.

15. Regarding the variation of the contract for lighting public streets in the City by gas.

16. Regarding the enforcement or otherwise of sanctions obtained for the removal of unauthorized works.

17. Recommending additional grant to meet the charges for extra War Risk Insurance preferred by the contractors for the supply of chlorinating unit.

18. Regarding the grant of a special pay to a Medical Officer of the K.E.M. Hospital for looking after the Medical Work of examining personnel of the Auxiliary Fire Service.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEES

19. Forwarding a draft representation to Government, regarding the deterioration in the condition of roads in the City due to heavy military traffic.

20. Regarding plan and estimate for the work of providing a water main in New Tank Bunder Road.

21. Regarding revised estimates for the work of permanent construction of certain narrow byelanes in the City.

22. Regarding the lay-out of a 72 feet road connecting Girgaum Road with Queen's Road and a 40 feet road connecting the proposed 72 feet road with Mangalwadi Street.

23. Regarding plan and estimate for the work of laying a water main in Home Street.

24. Regarding plan and estimate for the work of enlarging and extending a water main at Bomanji Petit Road.

25. Regarding the work of diverting a portion of a water main in Scheme 6, Sion-Matunga Estate, etc.

26. Regarding a letter from Government, relating to the measures taken by them to prevent quack occultists from carrying on their practice in Bombay City.

27. Regarding the question of doing away with the Veterinary qualifications in respect of certain posts in the Markets Department.

28. Regarding the payment of the moiety of the remuneration to be paid to Mr. N. D. Kanga, L.C.E., for fixing the rateable value of Government lands and buildings in the City.

29. Regarding a proposal for having an arrangement with the Government of India relating to the allocation of the cost of repairing roads damaged by air raids in the City.

30. Regarding a claim for compensation for the alleged damage to certain articles kept in the Municipal Cold Storage at the Arthur Crawford Market.

31. Regarding the question of the appointment of a Special Committee to be designated as the "Municipal Accounts Committee."

SCHOOLS COMMITTEE'S LETTERS—

32. Regarding additional grant required to pay Dearness Allowance to the employees of the Schools Committee at the enhanced rate of Rs. 16 per month.

33. Regarding the scale of fees and free studentships fixed in English Classes in Municipal Upper Primary Girls' Schools.

34. Regarding the question of giving trained teachers' grades, etc., to certain teachers.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSIONER—

35. Forwarding the monthly Chemical and Bacteriological Reports on the Bombay Water Supplies.

36. Regarding the deputation of a Junior Overseer, Malaria Branch, to Government service.

37. Regarding remuneration offered by Messrs. Tata Chemicals, Ltd., to Mr. N.V. Modak, City Engineer, for submitting a report on the improvement of the drainage system at Mithapur.

38. Reporting that no case of breeding of Malaria carrying mosquito was found during January 1944.

39. Government letter—Regarding fixing of fees in the Secondary or Anglo-Vernacular or English Classes attached to Municipal Primary Schools.

40. Communication from Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit—Thanking the Corporation for their Resolution on the death of her husband the late Mr. R. S. Pandit.

41. Letter from Mr. D. D. Carcary—Applying for leave of absence from the meetings of the Corporation.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY—

42. Requesting the Corporation to appoint representatives on the Managing Boards of the institutions to which grants are made.

43. Reporting that Mr. Naushir C. Bharucha has ceased to be a member of the Grants-in-Aid Committee.

44. Confirmation of the Special Committees' Proceedings.

45. Schools Committee's letters —Forwarding printed copies of the Committee's Proceedings.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS—

46. From Mr. K. H. Goregaoker —For requesting Government to amend the Municipal Act, so as to reduce permanently the Municipal contribution to the Improvement Schemes Account from three to two per cent. of the net realisations of the General Tax etc.

47-48. From Dr. G. R. A. Sheikh —For (47) amending the Municipal Service Regulations so as to treat the employees who joined Municipal Service before 1st September 1936 as being subject to old Municipal Service Regulations for leave, etc., purposes and (48) authorizing the Municipal Secretary to print a sufficient number of Agenda, etc. papers so as to be able to supply them to Councillors at the time of the meetings.

49. From Mr. K. H. Goregaoker— For removing the obscuring shades of the electric street lamps in the City in view of the relaxation of black-out restrictions by Government.

50-52. From Mr. N. S. Kajrolkar, seconded by Mr. P. K. Savant —For (50) constructing temporary sheds at Dharavi, Sion, etc., for the use of the poor labour class people; (51) putting in order the drinking fountain at Appollo Bunder; and (52) requesting the B.E. S. & T. Co., Ltd., to put up temporary sheds at the bus-stands for the convenience of passengers.

53-57. From Mr. B. J. Deorukhkar—For (53) representing to the Government of India not to charge income-tax on Dearness Allowance paid to Municipal employees: (54-55) requesting the Commissioner of Police to take adequate measures to put a stop to (54) the petty thefts taking place in the City, especially on Trams and Buses, and (55) the unauthorised sale of Cinema tickets outside Indian Cinemas in the City; (56-57) obtaining a report from the Commissioner (56) as to the advisability of constituting a separate "Municipal Police Force" to deal with crimes in the City, and (57) as to the possibility of securing a plot at Chandanwadi for a cemetery for the Scheduled Castes.

58-60. From Mr. P. M. Chinai —For (58) constructing additional number of urinals and lavatories in the locality round about Katha Bazar; (59-60) requesting the Commissioner of Police to (59) enforce the provision of lights in the front and the rear of tram cars and (60) put a stop to 'sutta' betting shops in the City.

61-62. From Mr. Mancherji E. Joshi—For (61) providing traffic islands at the junction of certain roads at Wadala and (62) requesting the G. I. P. Railway authorities to give facilities to the third class local passengers residing on the east and north-east of Dadar Railway Station to purchase tickets from the east side No. 4 Up-platform Booking Office.

By Order of His Worship the Mayor,
B. V. MODY,
Municipal Secretary.

Municipal Corporation Office,
Bombay, 25th February, 1944.
(7946)

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**BOMBAY PORT TRUST**

SEALED TENDERS are invited by the Chief Engineer, Bombay Port Trust for the work of quarrying stone, and for works enumerated in the schedule for the year ending 31st March 1945.

Conditions of contract, specifications, and tender forms can be obtained from the office of the Chief Engineer on payment of Re. 1|- per copy.

No tender will be considered which is not made in the prescribed form, and which is not accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 500|- by crossed cheque as earnest money, which deposit will be returned to the unsuccessful tenderers.

Tenders will be received upto 1-0 p. m. (N.S.T.) on Monday, the 13th March, 1944.

G. E. TERREY,
, M.Inst. C. E.
Chief Engineer
Bombay Port Trust
Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay.
(7942)

**NOTICE.**

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of Head Mistress Anandkunverba Girls' English (Middle) School, Dhrangadhra, pay Rs. 100-10-150 and free quarters or Rs. 15|- as house rent also dearness allowance according to State rules. Apply immediately together with copies of testimonials and copy of a recent photograph to Dewan, Dhrangadhra State, Dhrangadhra (Kathiawar) stating educational qualifications, accomplishments, practical experience, age, caste, mother tongue, whether single or married or widow, if at present employed, where employed and on what pay. Graduates and candidates possessing teachers' diploma will be preferred. Proficiency in Gujarati language absolutely essential. Dhrangadhra State service is pensionable. (7940)

**THE CONTROLLER OF SUPPLIES, BOMBAY.**

INVITES TENDERS No. BSY| MED|TEN-2 on Form obtainable for Rs. 6|- per Set (not refundable or transferable) paid in cash or by M. O. (quoting Tender No. full name and Address of remitter) before 4 p. m. on 2-3-1944, for:—

(1) Paper Paraffin (P.V.M.S. No. 23510).
(2) Paper Greaseproof.
(3) Cartons cylindrical (N.I.V.).

Public opening at 11 a.m. on 3-3-1944. Offers to remain open till 22-3-1944. Applicants not on approved Supply Department List must give Banker's reference on applications for Tender Form. (7947)

**NOTICE**

**SEA TRANSPORT HEADQUARTERS, BOMBAY.**

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED from Licensed Stevedores for stevedoring and supply of labour in the port of Bombay for loading and discharging vessels under the control of the Assistant Principal Sea Transport Officer, India.

Tender forms and "Instructions to Tenderers" can be obtained from the Assistant Principal Sea Transport Officer, India, 10, Nicol Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

C. L. TURBETT,
Captain,
Asst. Principal Sea Transport Officer, India, Bombay.
22nd February, 1944. (7905)

**NOTICE AS TO LOST POLICY.**

POLICY No. 143882 in National Insurance Co., Ltd. on the life of Sakerlal Tribhovandas Shah of Bombay, having been LOST, notice is hereby given that failing any objection to reach the Company within one month from any interested party with production of the policy the Company will proceed in pending matters concerning the policy.

K. M. NAIK,
Manager.
National Insurance Co., Ltd.
7, Council House St.,
Calcutta. (7938)

**BOMBAY TRAVELLING TYPES**

**No. 9**

**The 'Argumentative' type**

Uses both Buses and Trams. Distinguished from his fellow passengers by an unshakable conviction that no one can teach him anything—least of all the conductor. Knows everything better than the conductor or the Bus Company. Argues his case with great force and articulation, and if he's delaying the Bus or Tram—well, isn't he 'paying' for the right to argue? Thinks that loss of face is far worse than upsetting a mere time-schedule.

He is not helping to relieve transport congestion

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**ARTISTS WANTED**

THE EXHIBITION STUDIO, I and B. Dept., Government of India, requires Artists to work in Bombay who are experienced in Cinema and display, pictorial painting apply in person to:—

EXHIBITION STUDIO,
I. & B. Dept., Govt. of India,
Cross Maidan, Esplanade Road,
Fort, Bombay.
(7899)

**G. I. P. RAILWAY.**

THE DIVISIONAL ENGINEER, G. I. P. Railway, Poona, invites tenders upto 14 hrs., on 6-3-1944 for supply of broken stone ballast on the Dhond, Sholapur and Shahabad sub-divisions.

2. The form of tender, schedule and conditions of contract can be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 2|- per set for each sub-division. This sum will not be refunded. (7935)

**MOVEMENT OF PIECEGOODS TO THE WESTERN INDIA STATES.**

NOTIFICATION No. 265 (A)-Tex|43, dated 19th February 1944, issued under the Cotton Cloth Movements Control Order 1943 prohibits the movement by rail of cotton cloth of all types from any station in the Bombay Surplus Area to any station in the States of Western India except under special permits for which application should be made on prescribed form to the Office of the Textile Commissioner, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay. (7937)

**ROYAL INDIAN NAVY**

WANTED:

(i) First Class DRAUGHTSMEN with Mechanical or Artistic experience, capable of executing detailed reproduction drawings of all types. Pay Rs. 120-10-150 p. m. Plus Dearness Allowance.
(ii) An ASSISTANT for Naval Establishment. Pay Rs. 95-7½-140 E.B.-10-200 P.M. Plus dearness allowance. Excellent opportunity for progressive person.

Apply in writing giving full particulars to the Officer in Charge, the Central Reproduction Drawing Office, Mustafa Building, Sir Phirozshah Mehta Road, Bombay. (7933)

**G. I. P. RAILWAY**

The Divisional Engineer G. I. P. Railway, Bombay invites tenders upto 12 hours on 9-3-44 for carrying out extension to the existing Lost Property Office at Victoria Station. The Form of Tender, Schedule and Conditions of Contract can be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 2 per set. Plans for the work will be supplied on an additional payment of Rs. 3|- being made. These sums will not be refunded. (7934)

**NOTICE**

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of the SUPERINTENDENT and SECRETARY, the Mahomed Haji Saboo Siddik Tech. Institution on a salary of Rs. 300-25-400 E.B. 25-500 per month with benefit of provident fund and free unfurnished quarters. The applicant should have administrative experience with knowledge of Secretarial work and accounts preferably technical or scientific qualifications. No age limit. Applications in sealed cover should reach the Chairman of the Institution, 5, Shepherd Road, Byculla, Bombay, before 30th March, 1944. (7931)

## LEGAL NOTICES

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.**

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

Award No. 31 of 1942

Re: ARBITRATION ACT 1940; and Re: Arbitration and the Award relating to the estate of SUKOOR SANJAV, deceased. GUSTIN SUKOOR and two others ..... Applicants

Vs.

SHA' PEDROO SUKOOR and another ..... Respondents.

PURSUANT to the Decree on Award, dated the 15th February, 1943, the following immovable and movable properties will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court in different lots at his Office in the Court House on Friday the 24th March 1944 at 4 P.M. (S.T.).

IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

LOT NO. 1:—A piece of land with a house situate at Worli, Koliwada in Bombay (near the Worli Fort) bearing Municipal Street No. 31C and admeasuring about 44 feet in length and about 29 feet in width with its appurtenances and fixtures.

LOT NO. 2:—A piece of land with a Shed built of corrugated iron Sheets and having a tiled roof and a hut adjoining it, situate at Worli Koliwada in Bombay (opposite Lot No. 1) bearing Municipal Ward No. 483 (3) and Street No. 42B and admeasuring about 22 feet in length and about 22 feet in width.

LOT NO. 3:—Agricultural lands, situate at Shilgaon in the Kalyan Taluka of the Thana District, bearing Survey No. 7, Hissa No. 1, admeasuring about 2 acres and 8 1|4 gunthas and Survey No. 8, Hissa No. 1, admeasuring about 1 acre and 31 gunthas and subject to the payment of yearly assessment of Rs. 14-10-0 and Rs. 13-3-0 respectively.

LOT NO. 4:—Agricultural lands, situate at Kowshey in the Kalyan Taluka of the Thana District and bearing Survey No. 53, Hissa No. 1, admeasuring about 15 Gunthas (of which about 4 1|4 Gunthas are pot-Kharaba) Survey No. 54, Hissa No. O, admeasuring about three acres (of which about 14 gunthas are Pot-Kharaba) and Survey No. 58, Hissa No. 1, admeasuring about 27 gunthas, and subject to the payment of yearly assessment of Rupees 0-15-0, Rupees 12-14-0 and Rupees 5-4-0 respectively.

LOT NO. 5:—The following articles will be sold separately

(1) Two fishing boats bearing Nos. 3622 and 3853, and one small boat or Tony No. 3911, (2) One iron anchor, (3) a round brick tank for preparing colours (built in the ground), (4) Six Dolis 40 Jalis, 10 Vavdis (nets) and 4 oars, (5) 8 thick ropes, (6) eight casks, (7) two wooden boxes for storing rice and (8) one wooden Almirah with glass front and one tin trunk.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, application should be made at the Office of the Commissioner or at the office of Messrs. PAYNE AND CO.. Attorneys for the Applicants abovenamed at Mercantile Bank Building, No. 54, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 14th day of February 1944.

ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA,
Commissioner.
(7930)

FREE!! Gold Talisman (Govt. Registered) given by a sage in the palace of a Maharaja. Infallibly cures any disease and fulfils all desires.
SHAKTI BHANDAR (Estd. 1928).
P. O Aullabad (Sylhet) ASSAM.

The man behind the Counter

knows that if you buy quality you usually get more than you pay for. If price buys you, you usually pay for more than you get.

The Quality Cigarette

VIRGINIA number Ten

meets both demands PRICE & QUALITY

JAMES CARLTON LTD. LONDON
EASTERN LICENSEES, POST BOX 9029, CALCUTTA

Printed and published for the Bombay Chronicle Co., Ltd., by MICHAEL ANDRADES at the Bombay Chronicle Press, Red Building, Parsi Bazar Street, Fort, Bombay.